

**Board of Health Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Walter Swift, Jason MacDonald and Mary Watson. Health Agent Bill Fisher was also present. The meeting was videotaped and held on Zoom.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Draft Minutes: May 18, 2023 Regular Meeting**

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2023. All voted in favor.

**D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT**

Mr. Fisher reported:

- He received training on how to administer Narcan and the town would be receiving kits.
- The state is doing waste water surveillance for Sars COV2 and some towns are testing; he will contact the water/sewer department to see if they are interested in obtaining kits from the state and performing testing.
- Green River Cannabis is requesting a special zoning permit, which has no direct impact on the health department.
- Regional Animal Control has reported a \$20,000 surplus in grant funds and has asked participating towns if they wish to receive a percentage of the surplus or have it deposited in a capital account for the future purchase of a vehicle.

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to have Hopedale's percentage of the \$20,000 surplus in grant funds deposited in a capital account for the future purchase of a vehicle. All voted in favor.

- He is waiting for a new Salmon VNA contract for FY2024.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Kennel Regulations: Draft**

The board reviewed the draft kennel regulations. Mr. Fisher noted that he is waiting for the animal control officer's comments on the document.

**2. Other – None.**

**H. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of Green River Cannabis Company**

Mr. Fisher reviewed the Green River Cannabis Company. After discussion, no action was taken.

**2. Other –**

**I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Mosquito Control Project: June
2. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 5/23/23 and 6/7/23

**J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Approval of Kennel Regulations

**K. NEXT MEETING**

1. July 20, 2023

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:41 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Villa*

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Recording Secretary

**Approved: August 17, 2023**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: May 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Kennel Regulations: Draft
3. Green River Cannabis Company Plan
4. Informational Items:
  - a. Mosquito Control Project: June
  - b. Notice re: Milford Compost Facility
  - c. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 5/23/23 and 6/7/23
  - d. Proposed Citizen Comment Policy Information