

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald, Mary Watson and Walter Swift. 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 6:02 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that he has someone who will bring a 30-yard open top for the removal of scrap metal at no charge to the town. It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve this action. All voted in favor.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Watson noted that Hopedale residents will not be able to use the Milford compost center until further notice.

F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

Mr. Fisher reported:

- The planning board received a request from High Hopes to increase its hours of operation by two hours, noting that it does not affect the Board of Health.
- The planning board received a request from the marijuana facility at 6 Charlesview Road to expand its business to the second floor, noting that it does not affect the Board of Health.
- Regional Animal Control reported money leftover from the grant and asked towns how they wanted to handle it, noting that the Hopedale Town Administrator thought the money should come back to the towns so it could be reappropriated.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System: 270 South Main Street

Engineer Dave Sadowsky of D.J. & Associates reviewed the plan and described the PERC-RITE Drip Dispersal System being proposed. Health Agent Fisher noted concerns over the use of this system. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of not vote on this plan until further information was provided and review it again at the August meeting.

2. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System: 272 South Main Street

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not vote on this plan and review again at the August meeting after issues regarding 270.

3. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System: 167 South Main Street

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 167 South Main Street with a local upgrade, as allowed in CMR 15.405(1)(B) , from 20 feet from the cellar wall, as required by 310 CMR 15.211(1) to 10 feet, subject to Health Agent Bill Fisher resolving the landscaping issues with the engineer. All voted in favor.

4. Approval of Salmon Home Care LLC d.b.a. VNA & Hospice of Greater Milford Contract

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the Salmon Home care LLC d.b.a. VNA & Hospice of Greater Milford contract and authorize the chair to execute the document. All voted in favor.

5. Approval of Kennel Regulations

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the Kennel Regulations, effective July 21, 2023. All voted in favor.

6. Other –

Ed Caracino of Excavating Solutions, who is used by the Board of Health to do septic inspections, noted that the PERC-RITE Drip Dispersal System is new technology and requires a lot of record keeping for towns and annual costs

for homeowners, noting that chamber systems have shown quite a large number of failures. He also noted that the town would have to find and contract with an inspector who is familiar with the system to do the Title 5 required three inspections.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 6/20/23

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

K. NEXT MEETING

1. August 17, 2023

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 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. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 270 South Main Street
2. DEP Certification for General Use: Drip Dispersal System
3. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 272 South Main Street
4. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 167 South Main Street
5. Salmon Home are LLC dba VNA & Hospice of Greater Milford Contract
6. Kennel Regulations
7. Informational Items:
 - a. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 6/20/23