

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, August 17, 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 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting: June 15, 2023

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2023. All voted in favor.

2. Regular Meeting: July 20, 2023

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 20, 2023 (as amended). All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that he will be at the recycle center every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and weekends by appointment only. He noted leaves and grass is free; there are charges for brush; he is getting a metal dumpster and wood dumpster shortly at no cost to the town.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

Mr. Fisher reported:

- COVID-19 cases are on the rise in the state and a new booster is scheduled to be available in late September or early October.
- There is an uptick in tick borne diseases statewide.
- Sanitation issues at the Lucky Dog Kennel have been resolved and the animal control officer is monitoring other offenses.

- Air quality tests were performed throughout Town Hall and no issues were reported
- Green Mountain Cannabis will be a manufacturing and wholesale company and he sees no issues related to the board of health.
- The town will shortly receive Narcan kits.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Swift asked Mr. Fisher to contact the owners of the property at 75 Plain Street and request well test results.

H. ACTION ITEMS

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

Engineer David Sadowsky gave a brief review of the plan. Mr. Fisher read notes on the pros and cons of the drip dispersal system and the stone and pipe system.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 270 South Main Street, with a requesting a variance, as allowed in 310 CMR 15.404, to reduce the required setback of the subsurface disposal system to the property (street) line from 10 feet, as noted in 310 CMR 15.405(a), to 5 feet.
All voted in favor.

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

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 272 South Main Street. All voted in favor.

3. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System: 266 South Main Street – No action taken.

4. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System: 266A South Main Street – No action taken.

5. Other – None.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

K. NEXT MEETING

1. September 21, 2023

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:18 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: September 21, 2023

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: June 15, 2023
2. Draft Minutes: July 20, 2023
3. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 270 South Main Street
4. DEP Certification for General Use: Drip Dispersal System
5. Zoning Data on 270 South Main Street
6. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 272 South Main Street
7. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 266 South Main Street
8. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 266A South Main Street