

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald, Walter Swift and Mary Watson. Health Agent William Fisher was also present. The meeting was videotaped.

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: January 18, 2024

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 18, 2024. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that three months ago a few parents had expressed concern about a group using the Hopedale bath house by the pond and he asked Mr. Fisher to investigate. The town is currently getting the bath house up to code so this non-school group can use the facility.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

Mr. Fisher reported:

- The Hopedale Landfill closure is complete under the administration of the DEP;
- On issues related to a septic system failure at 110 Plain Street;
- The Blackstone Valley Health Partnership will be hiring two new people;
- Regional Animal Control submitted a budget for the new fiscal year;
- He participated in another inspection with Kevin Sullivan at the Lucky Dog Day Care;
- He is reviewing the recently submitted septic plans for 370 South Main Street;
- He has issued orders for the removal of construction debris at 137 Mendon Street;
- He is still waiting to hear back from the parties involved for a walk-through at 75 Plain Street.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY2024 Trash and Recycling Expenses

Board members reviewed the FY2024 trash and recycling expenses, noting that there would likely be just enough funds in this line item to finish out the fiscal year.

2. Recycling Center Senior Tax Credit Workers

Board members reviewed information on senior tax credit workers and it was noted that town counsel stated it would not be an issue for senior tax credit workers to work at the recycling center. It was agreed that the Counsel on Aging could post the jobs in its next newsletter and Mr. Fisher would interview and screen possible candidates. The job description would be reviewed and be presented for approval at the next meeting.

H. ACTION ITEMS – None.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledgers: 2/22/24

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review of Recycling Center Senior Tax Credit Worker Job Description

K. NEXT MEETING

1. March 21, 2024

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:52 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: March 21, 2024

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: January 18, 2024
2. FY2024 Trash and Recycling Expenses
3. FY2025 Budget Proposal: Other Property Related Services
4. Salmon VNA Annual Report: 2023
5. Regional Animal Control Budget
6. Informational Items
 - a. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledgers: 1/23/24