

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 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: February 15, 2024

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2024. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that residents were asking when the recycling center would reopen. It was noted that when the date has been set, it will be posted on the website.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

• F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

- Mr. Fisher reported:
 - He will be posting the latest COVID results up in town hall and on the board of health webpage.
 - There is a physician shortage in Massachusetts and by 2030 the physician shortage will be 700; and nationally will be 120,000.
 - The owner of 137 Mendon Street has been cleaning up the property.
 - The septic issue at 110 Plain Street has been resolved after a discussion with the Title V inspector.
 - He just received revised septic plans for 405 South Main Street and after his review will bring before the board.

- The owners at 16 Warfield Street experienced an oil tank leak in their cellar floor; DEP was brought in and undertook some remediation and ground water monitoring for the drinking water well.
- He accompanied Kevin Sullivan on a third inspection at the Lucky Dog kennel; Kevin approved the kennel for a license renewal.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY2025 Permit Fee Schedule: Draft

Board members reviewed the FY2025 permit fee schedule. Approval of the fee schedule will take place at the next board meeting.

2. FY2025 Recycling Center Fee Schedule: Draft

Board members reviewed the FY2025 recycling center fee schedule. Approval of the fee schedule will take place at the next board meeting.

3. Other – None.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Recycling Center Senior Tax Credit Worker Job Description

After a review the of job description, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the recycling center senior tax credit worker job description. All voted in favor.

2. Appointment of Inspector of Animals

Mr. Fisher explained the status of inspector of animals position in the regional animal control program. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to appoint Kevin Sullivan as Hopedale's inspector of animals. All voted in favor.

3. Other – None.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledgers: 2/22/24 and 3/13/24

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of FY2025 Permit Fee Schedule
2. Approval of FY2025 Recycling Fee Schedule

K. NEXT MEETING

1. April 18, 2024

At 6:55 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: April 18, 2024

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: February 15, 2024
2. FY2024 Permit Fee Schedule: Draft
3. FY2024 Recycling Center Fee Schedule: Draft
4. Recycling Center Senior Tax Credit Worker Job Description
5. MDAR Nomination of Inspector of Animals Information
6. Informational Items
 - a. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledgers: 2/22/24 and 3/13/24