

**Board of Health Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald, Donald Howes, and Walter Swift. The meeting was videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting: December 19, 2019

It was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2019. All voted in favor.

2. Workshop Meeting: January 8, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the workshop meeting minutes of January 8, 2020. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that the boy scouts held their annual Christmas tree pickup on January 11th and 12th at the recycle center.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Animal Control Officer

It was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. Swift, to appoint Kevin Sullivan as animal control officer for Hopedale. After a brief discussion, all voted in favor.

2. Approval of Proposed Sewage Disposal System for 270 South Main Street

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the proposed sewage disposal system for 270 South Main Street. After a brief discussion, all voted in favor.

3. Approval of Proposed Sewage Disposal System for 46 Neck Hill Road

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the proposed sewage disposal system for 46 Neck Hill Road. After a brief discussion, all voted in favor.

4. Other – None.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY2021 Budget Discussion

Board members reviewed the board's FY2021 budget proposal being presented to the finance committee on January 18th.

2. Trash Collection: Pay as You Go

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board members that a trash "pay as you go" program was not a good idea for the town of Hopedale.

3. Other

Board members noted seeing an increased number of bulk items left curbside throughout the town. It was noted that a system has been designed to inform homeowners of the regulations regarding leaving items curbside and who to contact for removal of items.

Board members briefly discussed the Grafton-Upton Railroad's plans for glass and aluminum transloading and transporting by rail.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Accounting Office Expenditure Ledger: 12/31/19
2. Budget Line Item Transfer: 12/23/2019

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. FY2021 Budget Discussion
2. Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Drill: February 20, 2020

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, February 20, 2020.

K. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 6:50 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: February 20, 2020

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes: January 8, 2020 Workshop Meeting
3. Department of Agriculture Notice re: Appointment of Animal Control Officer
4. Sewage Disposal Plan: 270 South Main Street
5. Sewage Disposal Plan: 46 Neck Hill Road
6. Information Items
 - a. Accounting Office Expenditure Ledger: 12/31/19
 - b. Budget Line Item Transfer: 12/23/2019
 - c. Grafton Upton Railroad Packet re: Fly Ash containing: emails, 10/25/19 Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting minutes, DEP Permit Application, and 9/3/19 Letter from Town Administrator