



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

May 25, 2022

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

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Present: Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Alex Constan, Rhonda Hodge, Kristin Kwiatek, bcattv99

Absent: Kendell Longo

Meeting Opened at 6:30pm by D. Taylor

Roll call indicated that the following members of the Board of Health were present remotely: D. Taylor, A. Constan, R. Fahrner, H. Forand, R. Hodge

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the May bills payable totaling \$64,720.24 A **motion** was made by A. Constan to accept the total bills of \$64,720.24 **seconded** by R. Fahrner. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the April 28, 2022 meeting. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the minutes, **seconded** by R. Hodge. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

National Grid-Utility Poles

The Board discussed the meeting that was held with National Grid and Town Counsel on May 6 2022. National Grid agreed to hold off installing the last eight poles and the Health Department agreed to and located the wells on the properties. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the minutes from the National Grid meeting with Town Counsel and the Boxford Board of Health of May 6, 2022 **seconded** by A. Constan. Approve **unanimously** by a roll call vote. D. Taylor mentioned to the Board about working on a town well location map. Possibly by a Sumer intern. R. Fahrner commented to the Board that currently the Board does not have a great understanding of the risk the poles have on the Town and CCA is not captured in the Federal Code. D. Taylor mentioned whether or not residents should be notified when new poles are being placed and of the potential future problem in which residents should test their water regularly. D. Taylor said there is a concern for the high groundwater which immediately starts leachate when the pole is placed. A. Constan asked if the wells were located where the poles had already been placed prior to the last eight. R. Hodge stated that issue is one that she would somehow like to move forward on. D. Taylor suggested that residents living where the new poles were placed have a baseline water test done and also see if there could be a summer intern that could locate the wells in town. R. Fahrner suggested contacting a surrounding town such as Georgetown who have their own power department and poles. The Board agreed to a letter being drafted to send to the residents living near where the new poles were placed.

Food/Kitchen Inspections

A Complaint has been made about the kitchen at Lincoln Hall. D. Taylor plans to meet with K. Longo to inspect the kitchen. Looking at the state laws from the Department of Public Health it states that public kitchens that serve food should be inspected twice per year. Also, other food establishments in Town should be inspected regularly because it protects the Town. R. Fahrner mentioned residential kitchens that provide food to the public.

COVID Update

D. Taylor said the numbers were increasing as of April. The current variant is the most transmissible so far. A chart was displayed for the viewers of the COVID numbers from the Boxford schools which shows a lot of the cases are from children.

The Board next discussed the proof of vaccination order at the Council on Aging. D. Taylor said that the COA Board had no problem with having the order lifted. R. Fahrner said that COVID has become endemic and that an order at this point does not make much sense. People are now moving towards an education phase. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to rescind the Boxford Board of Health emergency order requiring proof of vaccination to utilize the Senior center in Town **seconded** by A. Constan. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

New Business

Elections: R. Fahrner nominated D. Taylor as chair and R. Hodge as Vice Chair to the Boxford Board of Health **seconded** by A. Constan. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Adjourn 7:45pm

With no further business, on a **motion** made by R. Fahrner **seconded** by A. Constan, the Board of Health voted **unanimously** with a roll call vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary