



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

August 16, 2022

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

Virtual Participation Only

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Present: Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Alex Constan, Heather Forand, Rhonda Hodge, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, bcattv99

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, R. Fahrner, Alex Constan, H. Forand, R. Hodge.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the July 14, 2022 meeting. A **motion** was made by H. Forand to accept the minutes, **seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved** by H. Forand, R. Hodge, D. Taylor, R. Fahrner, and A. Constan abstained from the vote.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the May bills payable totaling \$66,948.33 A **motion** was made by A. Constan to accept the total bills of \$66,948.33 **seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Stiles Pond Testing/Algae

D. Taylor updated the Board that seventeen tests were done on the pond. Sixteen tests came back negative and one had questionable results due to the sample containing some pond debris. A. Constan stated the sample in question was taken by a resident. A. Constan will be taking more samples. D. Taylor advised K. Longo to have the camp director's contact him if they see algae on the ponds.

Update: Willows

The first two building permits were signed off on by K. Longo as well as the septic construction permit. D. Taylor stated once the septic is built, they will have more documentation to submit. K. Longo said she will keep the Board informed of their progress. A. Constan commented on irrigation wells and possibly the need for a pump test during the drought conditions. D. Taylor said they just need to follow the Health Department's regulations. The Board also discussed the age requirement of the 55 and over. D. Taylor said he would contact the Zoning Board chair for an update.

Update: Trash Committee

A. Constan said they have only had one good introductory meeting with a lot of options that the Town will look into ranging from stickers to having bags to having one free trash barrel per household. Waste Management has asked for an extension in the contract which they have said would be cheaper than the general bid. Waste Management is working on an extension draft. A. Constan mentioned a task force across multiple municipalities that meets every month which

has a workshop for towns that are going through the trash contract process. The Board discussed the timeframe on bidding for the trash contract.

National Grid-resident notifications/poles

D. Taylor mentioned a pole hearing from last month in which National Grid was in compliance of the current regulation. D. Taylor mentioned to the Board their thoughts on sending the residents affected by the hearing a letter as well that would be similar to the mass mailing that was previously sent out. A **motion** was made by A. Constan that in the future when new or replacement poles are installed that the Board of Health via written letter will notify residents of wells within 100 feet of the new pole installation seconded by R. Hodge. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

COVID Update

D. Taylor said we have had a mini peak of BR3 and BR5 in May, steady in June and July, and now settling down in August. D. Taylor even with the second booster it is quite amazing how many people in their fifties and up are still contracting the virus. In October, the new COVID booster is supposed to be announced. R. Fahrner mentioned the schools and that typically this time of year the Board gets questions from them and the Board makes a recommendation referring to DESI and the CDC. D. Taylor mentioned two really good studies on masking and that masking was a major influence on kids not contracting COVID. H. Forand read allowed her most recent communication on COVID guidelines from the Tri-Town.

Director's Report

K. Longo told the board that the Tri-Town readiness meeting that she will be attending is going to be discussing barrier spraying. Middleton and Topsfield will be doing proactive barrier spraying. D. Taylor said Boxford does not barrier spray unless there is a positive mosquito. The Board was in agreement that Boxford does not do nuisance spraying. H. Forand wanted to bring up that if people do not have a deep well that they should take some precautions with regards to watering lawns and flowers.

Adjourn 7:40pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

