



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

February 27, 2023

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

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Present: Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Alex Constan, Heather Forand, Rhonda Hodge, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, Brendan Sweeney, 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 January 04, 2023 meeting. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the minutes, **seconded** by A. Constan. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the May bills payable totaling \$145,564.60 A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the total bills of \$145,564.60 **seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Trash/Recycling/Upcoming Changes for News Letter

D. Taylor summarized the new changes decided upon at the January 04, 2023 Board of Health meeting that included the new contract with Waste Management. The Board then made some operational decisions for the new contract.

Trash and recycling bins

A **motion** was made by A. Constan to use 64 gallon cart bodies for both recycling and trash **seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

D. Taylor proposed that the bodies of both 64 gallon barrels be black. The trash lid be black and the recycling lid be green. A **motion** was made by H. Forand to accept the colors decided by the Board of Health **seconded** by R. Hodge. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

D. Taylor stated to the Board that the first bin for trash and recycling are free to each residence with no additional fee. D. Taylor stated only one bin per residence can be used for recycling. A. Constan made a **motion** to accept which was **seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved unanimously** by roll call vote.

Additional Bins

D. Taylor to accept a motion that the board states that residents wishing an additional trash bin shall pay for each additional bin and shall also pay \$10.00 per month pick up fee for each bin. A. Constan motioned that residents wishing for an additional trash bin will pay approximately \$50.00 to be decided later and an additional \$10.00 per month pick up fee annually. **Seconded** by R. Fahrner. **Approved unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Additional Trash

A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** that for overflow trash residents are allowed two plastic bags of additional trash per week **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

The board discussed continuing to use trash stickers or use a town purchased bag.

D. Taylor entertained a motion to go with stickers. **R. Fahrner** made a **motion** to continue to use stickers **seconded** by **R. Hodge**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

The Board discussed what to charge for a trash sticker which would then be put in the warrant article. **D. Taylor** to accept a motion for a \$6.00 fee per sticker. A **motion** was made by **A.**

Constan to set the fee for an overflow bag to \$6.00 **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Stiles Pond Advisory Committee

D. Taylor and **A. Constan** on behalf of the Board and Cons Com formed an advisory committee that includes 2 Board of Health members, 2 Cons Com members and 3 residents who live on Stiles Pond. **D. Taylor** if the Board agrees along with one other member will be on the committee. **A. Constan** motioned to nominate **D. Taylor** as member of the committee. **R. Fahrner** offered to be the second member if **A. Constan** could cover for him when he has to travel. **D. Taylor** motioned to nominate **R. Fahrner** as a member of the committee. **H. Forand** **seconded** both motions. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Food Permits, Town Buildings

D. Taylor and **K. Longo** went to the new community center at 10 Elm. They followed the food code and have Pam Blaquiere the COA director certified to run the kitchen. **D. Taylor** stated there should be something set in place for town buildings such as Lincoln Hall and now 10 Elm for people who want to hold functions. Someone needs to be in charge and licensed to run the kitchen.

COVID Update

The Board discussed the current numbers for COVID. Boxford currently has a downward trend. **R. Hodge** spoke on the increase in psychosis and an increase in long COVID.

Director's Report

K. Longo mentioned the winter newsletter and **D. Taylor** will provide a couple sentences introducing the trash changes.

K. Longo informed the board of the wellness office at 10 Elm where the Tri town nurse will hold office hours as well as **K. Longo**. **D. Taylor** suggested **R. Hodge** to possibly offer talks on mental health in which she currently holds for free at Masconomet.

Annual Report Assignments/Due Date

R. Fahrner- Arboviruses
A. Constan- Trash task force
D. Taylor- COVID and Stiles Pond
H. Forand -Vaccine Clinics
R. Hodge- Mental Health

Adjourn 8:00pm

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