



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

February 17, 2021

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

Virtual Participation Only

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Present: Richard Taylor, Richard Fahrner, Alex Constan, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, Lance Cluster, Pam Blaquiere, Chuck Johnson, Robert Clewell, Greg Kokorda, Scott Miccile, Andrew Gori, Richard O'Brien

Absent: Heather Forand, Hans Jeppesen

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by D. Taylor

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

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the January 20, 2021 meeting. A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** to accept the minutes, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the current bills payable totaling \$83,281.54. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the total bills of \$83,281.54, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. **Approved** unanimously with a roll call vote.

Director's Report

There will be a Boxford/Middleton clinic on February 18, 2021 with only 50 vaccines available. The State vaccination sites one has to continuously check the site for availability or call 211. Boxford got denied its allocation for 100 doses. Middleton asked if Boxford would want to be included in their small clinic on February 18, 2021. The nurse that was hired for the tri-town has been great and the contact tracing and numbers have declined.

DEP letter, The Willows, discussion

The Toll Brothers sent a letter to the DEP for comment with regards to the boards concern on the extra flow coming from the proposed club house swimming pool at the new Willows development. The board would discuss and decide whether or not to accept DEP's response. The board has the right to have more strict regulations. **D. Taylor** stated that board needs to decide to accept DEP's response, not accept it, or accept it but find out from DEP where they obtained their calculation. **A. Constan** stated that as an abutter to the proposed development that he would recuse himself as a board member from discussion and voting but would speak during open discussion for residents. The topic was discussed then opened for audience comment. Chuck Johnson from CG Johnson Engineering commented to the board. **A. Constan** spoke as a resident not as a Board of Health member. **D. Taylor** responded that there will certainly be additional flow due to the pool which has been a concern to the board and DEP has not accounted for that. Another issue was a condition that there was not going to be a kitchen in the clubhouse. Scott Miccile commented to the board. Resident Greg Kokorda an abutter on Willow Road also commented to the board. **R. Fahrner** said he would like to have a quorum to vote and to make the club house use more binding so it would not change. The board agreed for **D. Taylor** to write a letter to the engineers regarding the concerns of the discussion.

Request to withdraw C&D, 283 Main Street

D. Taylor summarized for the board that the cease and desist order was to put into place because of the amount of material being brought onto and taken off of 283 Main Street. Attorney Clewell had asked the board to remove the order so that material could be removed off of the property with the latest request of an amount of less than 500 cubic yards. **D. Taylor** stated that he would like the order to remain in effect and if more material is to be brought on that an application under the regulation is to be submitted for the board to review. **R. Fahrner** was in agreement and said that the purpose of the cease and desist was to increase the monitoring of the activity on the property. **A. Constan** was in agreement that the board would keep the cease and desist in place with the exception of allowing a one-time removal of material as long as it is under 500 cubic yards. Attorney Clewell made comment to the board. **D. Taylor** noted that if the board agrees, they could grant a request to remove the material that was brought onto 283 Main but the cease and desist on other operations will remain in effect. A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** that a letter will be drafted by **D. Taylor** on behalf of the board outlining that when weather permits, less than 500 cubic yards of material can be removed from 283 Main Street under Section 205, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

COVID Issues

D. Taylor stated that Boxford has been through its surge and hopefully will not face a new one with the variant. **D. Taylor** stated that all the paperwork was sent in for approval for Boxford to be a recipient of the vaccine and clinics would have been set up with the VNA and the COA however that all changed when a letter was sent out by the Department of Health and Human Services. Pam Blaquiére Director of the COA spoke about the frustrations of trying to get the Seniors 75 years and older in town vaccination appointments. **D. Taylor** mentioned to the board that the VNA was offering 80 free Binax kits to the Health Department that have close to a 91% testing accuracy rate and results within 15 minutes.

Annual Report Assignments

D. Taylor- COVID-19

R. Fahrner- Trash and Recycling

Other Business

D. Taylor told the board that Bob Hazelwood is in the planning on getting a camera for the recycling center that will broadcast via WiFi to the communication center. When there is a final plan the board will discuss for approval.

Adjourn 8:00pm

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 Kwiatak
Minutes Secretary