



# Town of Boxford

## Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

April 28, 2022

**NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY**

**6:30PM**

**Virtual Participation Only**

**This meeting will be audio and video recorded**

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**Present:** Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Alex Constan, Rhonda Hodge, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, bcattv99, Jim Scanlan, Chuck Costello, Sal Dibella, Greg Klanderman, Karen Gladstone

**Absent:** Heather Forand

### 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, R. Hodge

### Announcements

Earth Day Saturday April 30, 2022 11:00-3:00 with paper shredding 11:30-2:00 1 box free.

### Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the March 23, 2022 meeting. A **motion** was made by A. Constan to accept the minutes, seconded by R. Hodge. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

### Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the March bills payable totaling \$72,605.91. A **motion** was made by A. Constan to accept the total bills of \$72,605.91 seconded by A. Constan. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

### Variance 22 Pond Street

James Scanlan from Scanlan Engineering was present to request the following variances to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 22 Pond Street, dated 5/02/22 and submitted to the Health Department office on 5/10/22. A **motion** was made by A. Constan to allow three variances granted upon the conditions that a wetland delineation shown on the plan is confirmed by the Conservation Commission or the Conservation Administrator. The variances are also granted based on the system that is designed is an improvement over the existing system given the physical restrictions of the property. The three variances are: 1) Boxford Regulation 201-(9)(B) that 92 feet from the SAS to the wetlands is proposed where a separation of 100 feet is required. 2) Boxford Regulation 201-(9)(E) where 92 feet between the SAS and the wetlands will be proposed where 150 feet of separation is required when the perc rate is less than five minutes per inch. 3) Boxford 201-(9)(D) for greater than 105 feet between the owner's well and the SAS where 150 feet is required, seconded by R. Fahrner. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

### Hearing: Septic System Regulation Update

D. Taylor opened the hearing for audience comment. D. Taylor then closed the hearing. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the updated version of Chapter 201 of the Town Code for

Subsurface Sanitary Disposal Systems seconded by A. Constan. Approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

### Utility Poles National Grid

An Executive Session was held at the last meeting with Town Counsel. A decision was made that the Board would go forward and see if a meeting could be held with National Grid to discuss the treated poles and if they are going to follow the Board's regulation. D. Taylor displayed a chart from 2010 by the University of Connecticut showing leaching of Chromated Copper Arsenate from poles and looking at Arsenic traveling through soils. The chart showed the soil concentration with time. There were significant amounts of Arsenic into the soils. D. Taylor discussed with the Board about explaining to residents on the streets where the new polls are being placed about the long-term potential of material getting into their water. A. Constan asked if it is known whether or not National Grid will be using protective coatings on the polls. D. Taylor commented on asking residents to determine the location of their wells. R. Fahrner mentioned the possibility shallow wells and the risk level on them. A. Constan suggested the Health Department determine what addresses do not have well locations in their files and to reach out to them. The Board plans to meet with National Grid on May 6, 2022.

### Stiles Pond Toxin Testing

D. Taylor presented to the Board a reasonably priced water testing kit that could be purchased by the Town to test Stiles Pond during the bloom season. R. Fahrner commented that it was a good idea and easier than a fluorometer. A. Constan liked the idea because of the limited options and said they should have protocols for the testing. Stiles Pond resident Greg Klanderman commented on the Stiles Pond testing. Karen Gladstone also commented on the issue. The Board agreed that the first step is to determine if it is blue green algae because is a difference between nuisance algae and toxic algae. The Board agreed to start with two test kits and to create a protocol.

### Town Meeting

The only Board of Health topic at Town meeting is the cost of trash stickers which has not changed. A. Constan agreed to attend Town Meeting.

### Director's Report and COVID Update

K. Longo mentioned the subject of masks at Town Meeting. D. Taylor stated the current COVID numbers are steady but even with Boxford numbers being low, it is only the reported case numbers. A. Constan liked the idea of KN95 masks being provided if people want to wear them and also suggested a section of seating for people wearing masks. R. Fahrner added that the Board of Health still strongly recommends masks in public situations such as large

gatherings. **R. Hodge** was in agreement. **K. Longo** had a resident request asking when the Board might lift the proof of vaccination requirement when entering the Council on Aging. **D. Taylor** said he would speak to Pam the Director of the COA and it will be on next month's agenda.

**Adjourn 8:45pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Kristin Kwiatek**  
Minutes Secretary