



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

July 14th, 2022

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

Virtual Participation Only

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Present: Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Heather Forand, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, Jim Scanlan, Dan Johnson, Charles Killam, Beverly Killam, bcattv99

Absent: Alex Constan, Rhonda Hodge

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, H. Forand.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the May bills payable totaling \$137,851.86. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the total bills of \$137,851.86 **seconded** by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the May 25, 2022 meeting. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to accept the minutes, **seconded** by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

4 Mortimer Road Variance

Mr. James Scanlan of Scanlan engineering was present to request the following variances for 4 Mortimer Road that were submitted to the Health Department office on 6/2/22.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9B. To allow the septic system to be installed less than 100' from a wetland. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 71 feet from a wetland resource area.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 2-94, Section 3D. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a well used as a potable water supply. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching field shall be located

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9E. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a wetland resource area. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 71 feet from a wetland resource area.

A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner that the variance for 4 Mortimer Road for section 201-9E to 71 feet between the SAS and the wetlands where 150 feet is required. Section 201-9B where 71 feet between the SAS and the wetlands where 100 feet is required and section 201-9D to allow 110 feet between the SAS and the well where 150 feet is required. This variance is approved based on the best solution given the circumstances and conditional upon confirmation of the wetlands and to include a Nitrogen reduction system. **Seconded** by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

357 Ipswich Road

Residents Charles and Beverly Killam of 357 Ipswich Road were present to ask the Board of Health to write a letter to the Board of Assessors noting that Lot 2 of 357 Ipswich Road does not meet the existing criteria as a buildable lot. D. Taylor stated that the Health Board does not give variances for new lot and asked Mr. Killam if he could provide them with documentation that would support their letter to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Killam is to provide the Board with a letter from an environmental specialist stating it is not possible to be 150 feet from the wetlands.

2 King George Drive Variance

Mr. Dan Johnson of Domestic Septic Design was present to request the following variances for 2 King George Drive that were submitted to the Health Department office on 7/5/22.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 2-94, Section 3D. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a well-used as a potable water supply. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching field shall be located 125 feet from the well serving the property.

A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to allow the soil absorption system to be placed not less than 125 feet from the abutters well where 150 feet is required. This variance is granted upon the condition that the wetlands delineation on the plan is confirmed by the Conservation Commission in addition that a Nitrogen reducing alternative technology is included in this system, The variance is granted on the fact that the system as designed is an improvement over the existing system and as designed the system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property. **Seconded** by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

National Grid Letter, New Pole

D. Taylor drafted a letter to be to be discussed by the Board members regarding the new utility poles placed by National Grid. D. Taylor stated if in agreement, a tentative vote can be taken and if the members that are not present have objections, it can be revisited at the next meeting. The letter being discussed stakes a position for the Board that is going to lead to some concern by residents. D. Taylor said that the information may lead to more information that will be distributed Town wide. A **motion** was made by R. Fahrner to move forward on sending out the letter dated June 30 to residents on Georgetown, Sheffield, and Herrick Road regarding chemically treated poles being placed by National Grid on the contingency that the additional two Board members are queried about if they have any objections. **Seconded** by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Tash Committee Update

Tabled until next meeting.

National Grid cont.

D. Taylor stated that a new pole was proposed by National Grid and asked K. Longo if they have looked into a Board of Health recommendation. K. Longo stated that she has not yet received a map of well locations from National Grid. K. Longo will follow up with the Town Administrator.

Contracts: Weston & Sampson, VNA

The Board discussed the VNA contract and questioned what it would cost to get into the Tri Town. K. Longo will have a conversation with them and report back to the Board. H. Forand stated her concern with the Tri Town nurse being temporary and that they should look into her contract before the possibility of losing the VNA contract. K. Longo stated she has a meeting next week with the Tri Town and will look into some options with the other Towns.

The Board discussed the Weston & Sampson yearly contract that monitors the landfill which is one of the Health Department's budget line items. A motion was made by R. Fahrner to approve the Weston& Sampson landfill post closure monitoring contract. Seconded by H. Forand. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

COVID Update

D. Taylor stated there was an increase in cases all BA4 and BA5 that are starting to come down again. BA 5 is currently causing a surge in California. It has managed to change its spike protein antigenicity and is slipping by the vaccines being administered which is causing rapid reinfection. The only good thing is with a booster or two it should be relatively mild. Still sick but less chance for hospitalization. A lot of cases are not getting reported because of home testing. This week the CDC is looking into opening up the second booster to all adults.

Staff Vacations

D. Taylor stated that he and A. Constan felt that they wanted to be informed in advance when the Health Department staff are out on vacation at the same time. K. Longo stated for the record that both staff members of the department were not on vacation at the same time and that a sick call was unavoidable. K. Longo said that there was coverage for the administrative assistant who is competent and qualified for covering the department. H. Forand stated that it does not seem unreasonable that if vacation is planned that the Board's chair can be notified. D. Taylor said the chair or the vice chair should be notified days in advance and that the policy is in writing and will be followed.

Director's Report

The Willow's sub division sign-offs will be starting to go through the Building Department and K. Longo asked how the Board would like it addressed. D. Taylor stated a letter was sent stating everything requested by the Board. R. Fahrner mentioned an example of the generator location and that the Board was told it would be on the final operation plan. A **motion** was made by D. Taylor that the Board of Health signs off on no waivers at all for the Willows until all documentation required by the Board is submitted and approved by the Board **seconded** by R. Fahrner. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote. D. Taylor to send an email to Scott Cameron and to carbon copy the building inspector Peter Delaney.

Any New Business

R. Fahrner mentioned revisiting in person meetings and brought up the hybrid option. H. Forand said Zoom is easier to attend with a busy schedule but it is nice to have the physical in person interaction. If in person a 6:30 pm start would be difficult to attend. D. Taylor to send out a memo to the remainder of the Board to get their input.

Adjourn 7:45pm

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