



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

July 15, 2020

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:00PM

Virtual Participation Only

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ZOOM Meeting ID: 281 193 2858**

Present: Richard Taylor, Richard Fahrner, Heather Forand, Alex Constan, Hans Jeppesen, Kendell Longo, Lance Cluster, Susan Inman, Kristin Kwiatek, Wendell Waters

Absent: A. Constan

Meeting opened at 6:00PM by D. Taylor

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

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the May 20, 2020 meeting. A **motion** was made by **H. Jeppesen** to accept the minutes, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the current bills payable. The Board of Health approved all bills payable unanimously with a roll call vote:

Clean Harbors: \$360.00 accepted unanimously
JRM: \$1,350.00 accepted unanimously
JRM: \$4,812.00 accepted unanimously
VNA Care: \$360.00 accepted unanimously

WB Mason: \$189.41 accepted unanimously
Health Agent Education and Training: \$2,000.00 accepted unanimously
Waste Management: \$52,443.16

Variance 9 Powderhouse Lane

Greg Hochmuth from Williams & Sparages was present to request variances for 9 Powderhouse Lane. The Board of Health voted at their meeting held on Zoom dated July 15, 2020 to grant the following requested variances to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 9 Powderhouse Lane, dated 6/24/2020 and submitted to this office on 7/2/20.

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 101 feet from the wetland resource area.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9D. 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 potable well. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 124 feet from the well serving the property.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on;

Wetland delineation is agreed by the Conservation Administrator and 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

On a Motion made by **R. Fahrner**, second by **H. Forand**, the Board of Health voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the variances requested for 9 Powderhouse Lane.

VNA Contract

D. Taylor provided the Board with a drafted version with changes to the VNA contract that is up for renewal and suggested that the Board accepts the VNA contract after reviewing two small additions by **D. Taylor**. One was to confer annually with a representative of VNA Care regarding the nursing program and any changes to be made. The second addition would be that VNA will have to provide their own PPE. **D. Taylor** stated that the Board can accept the contract provisional on him working with them with that cause because the Board does not want to be in the position to secure PPE. **D. Taylor** stated that the important part is that **K. Longo** is to have access to Maven to share people's addresses as currently being done with Covid-19. A **motion** was made by **H. Forand** to accept the VNA contract with the condition of negotiation

of a small change to part 2 and in part 3 that the Town will not be providing PPE, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Price Development

D. Taylor stated that before the Board has a meeting with the Toll Brothers to hear their presentation that there are two things to be considered. One is to have a consultant look at the plans, write a summary, and have any questions before meeting with the Toll Brothers. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to hire Jim Scanlan of Scanlan Engineering to be the consultant on the Toll Brothers project **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Continuing the discussion, the second thing to be considered **D. Taylor** mentioned whether or not the Board should give Toll Brothers advance notice regarding the proposed club house. **D. Taylor** stated what they want is against the law and if the Board agrees, a vote can be made stating that the Board of Health cannot grant a variance that allows to exceed 9,999 gpd and still construct the WWTP according to the Town of Boxford regulation. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to provide the language to the Toll Brothers and Attorney Smolak that the Board will not grant a variance that exceeds that maximum output as written into the code, **seconded** by **H. Jeppesen**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

NEMMC

R. Fahrner questioned the rewritten State law about mandating areal spraying and being able to opt out. **D. Taylor** said the State allows opting out but unsure how it is possible. **D. Taylor** asked if there should be more projects added to the list for the management plan. **H. Forand** asked for a recap of what is being proposed by the State. **D. Taylor** explained that the law going through the House and the Senate is giving the DPH unconditional authority over spraying. **D. Taylor** said that after the law passes that the Board will have to confirm with the NEMMC that the Town's plan is being followed. **H. Forand** asked if the State's plan supersedes the Town's plan in which **D. Taylor** answered yes. **H. Forand** mentioned the service for residents to have their own property sprayed and if that would be an option. **R. Fahrner** requested it to be a topic for discussion with the entire Board. **D. Taylor** stated that if the Board allows them to spray then the Town will be liable for the spraying.

Covid-19 Update

K. Longo stated that the numbers were the same as the prior week. The Board then discussed the reopening plan that Camp Stepping Stone provided which was revised to mirror the Danvers YMCA plan. **R. Fahrner** recommended that the camp plan is put on letter head, adds page numbers, and that there is a responsible party to implement such plan whose name is at the top of the document and also includes their signature. A **motion** was made by **H. Forand** to accept the plan as written with the addition of a signed letterhead and page numbers, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote. The Board then discussed the Schools plan for reopening and discussed their recommendation with regards to distance between individuals. **R. Fahrner** stated that he was very hesitant to reducing the distance to 3 feet. **K. Longo** stated that Masconomet cannot physically go 6 feet with distancing. **H. Jeppesen** stated his greater concern is for the elderly contracting Covid-19 transmitted by children that may be asymptomatic. **R. Fahrner** recommended following the CDC guidelines of 6 feet. **D. Taylor** optimally would like to see 6 feet but the Board currently needs to make a recommendation on what they would like to see done at the schools about distancing. The Board agreed that an email will be sent to the

Superintendents in favor of as close to 6 feet as they can get with no less than 3 feet and also mentioning masks. The Board then discussed electrostatic cleaning and the use of a porta potty for the cycling ride through Boxford. The Board's opinion was to refuse the rest stop during the cycling event.

Adjourn 7:35pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary