



**Town of Boxford  
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health**

**June 14, 2023**

**Present:** Richard Fahrner, Alex Constan, Heather Forand, Mark Mitsch, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

**Absent:** Rhonda Hodge

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by R. Fahrner

Bills: Bills were signed

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed from the May 03, 2023 meeting. Motion by A. Constan to accept minutes as amended, seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously.

Announcements

The board questioned whether or not Juneteenth was a trash holiday. A. Constan will reach out to Waste Management for an answer and then starting in July there will only be six holidays.

The board welcomed new member Mark Mitsch. M. Mitsch previously served on the board from 1995-2011 and also on the Conservation Commission for 9 terms.

The board discussed the status of R. Hodge's position on the board. A. Constan stated that if she is unable to serve that she will have to officially resign and then the select board will need to be notified that there will be a position that needs to be filled outside of an election cycle.

### Nominate Chair and Vice Chair

A. Constan nominated R. Fahrner for Chair, seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously. R. Fahrner nominated A. Constan as Vice chair, seconded by M. Mitsch. Approved unanimously.

### Trash Stickers

At private town meeting the board pulled back on the \$6.00 overflow bag when going with the one- year extension and proposed to move the trash sticker price from \$3.00 to \$4.00 which was approved at town meeting. The board discussed keeping the color of the sticker the same and not have a buy back. K. Longo stated that the town is now having her order the trash stickers and she is to put in an order as soon as possible. She is waiting to hear back from the Town Administrator's office. Moving forward if the Health Department is to take control of all responsibilities of trash sticker sales, then the administrative assistant position job description will have to be changed. A motion was made by A. Constan to retain the current color of trash stickers as coral and to not have a buy back to exchange stickers seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously.

### Update on National Grid Poles for Willows Project

A. Constan stated that National Grid provided a map where five poles need to be replaced to supply power to the Willows project. All but 2 houses were confirmed on the distance to the wells. Joe Muraco of National Grid said that his best guess was that the 2 were over 100 feet. A. Constan stated that the current regulation of pole placement is no less than 50 feet from a well but the board has been talking about increasing the distance to 100 feet to match the current septic setbacks and also because of the motility of the Copper Chromium Arsenate on the treated poles. A. Constan stated that the distance of the last 2 poles were both over 100 feet.

### Soil/fill Update on Stiles Pond Road Resident Project

A. Constan told the board that there is a project on Stiles Pond with renovations to a property in which neighbors had emailed him about multiple twenty - yard dump trucks going in with a lot of fill. Neighbors wanted the board to be aware of it with regards to the regulations. K. Longo stated the homeowner was going to have something in writing for the meeting for a permit. A. Constan stated that they need to know the source and some basic analysis of the soil. R. Fahrner stated that the board should consider creating an actual permit application for the earth moving regulation.

### Beaver Trapping Permit Request

The DPW director Chris Olbrot requested from the Board of Health a beaver trapping permit for 4 locations; Stiles Pond Spillway, Macdonald Drive, Wild meadow Road, and Baldpate Road. M.

Mitsch mentioned the Stiles Pond spillway and that the DPW should be maintaining it on a regular basis. A motion was made by A. Constan to approve the beaver trapping permit for the 4 locations discussed seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously. The board made a decision to allow the health agent K. Longo to approve beaver trapping permits based upon public safety.

### Director's Update

Nothing new on the Silvermine Road 40B Project.

The West Village Store's septic is in failure and will be working with an engineer to upgrade.

The VNA contract and trash extension contract both were signed.

K. Longo to look into how to proceed with a 4 member board after determining if R. Hodge has resigned.

A. Constan mentioned to the board that National Grid was looking for approval on the polls prior to meeting because Toll Brothers will be closing on units starting in early July. R. Fahrner stated they have not provided their Standard Operating Procedures. R. Fahrner will send them an email reminding them of documents they have to provide.

H. Forand pointed out that the Public Health nurse is available the same day that the VNA has their wellness clinic at Four Mile Village. K. Longo to look into the schedule.

A. Constan mentioned that if R. Hodge does resign, they will need a new member to the trash committee. H. Forand will plan to take R. Hodge's place on the trash committee if she does leave the health board.

A. Constan to nominate that the Board of Health as one of its two members to retain Dick Taylor as an appointee on the Stiles Pond Algae Committee seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously.

A. Constan to nominate that M. Mitsch take R. Fahrner's position on the Stiles Pond Algae Committee seconded by H. Forand. Approved unanimously.

The board decided to hold future meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

R. Fahrner confirmed that the board members read the email on the due date for K. Longo's review.

### Adjourn 9:00pm

The next meeting date is to be July 12, 2023 and with no further business there was a motion made by M. Mitsch, seconded by R. Fahrner the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek  
Minutes Secretary



























































































