

**BOARD OF
Health
MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 13, 2023
Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568**

1 The meeting was called to order at 10:47 a.m., by Chairman, Stedman (Ted) Briggs. Also in attendance was Asst. Public Health
2 Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

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4 10:52 a.m., Dominique Ross of the Green Committee arrived.

5 Dominique came to tonight's meeting to discuss recycling, composting and the solid waste master plan with the Board. The
6 committee would like to issue a town wide mailer that would go out to every resident. This mailer would review the current policy for
7 recycling, how to obtain a compost bin, battery disposal, Styrofoam, etc. The Board agreed a mailer would be informative, but there
8 are drawbacks that must be considered before promoting some of these incentives. Compost bins will draw rodents and other wildlife.
9 Upton and several surrounding towns are having problems with rodents, they are eating the wires in cars and are showing up in places
10 they've never been before. Styrofoam has become a very difficult item to recycle, no one wants it, to truck it to a facility is very
11 expensive.

12 Board stated they are not against an informative flyer, but would like to review a draft first. Dominique thanked the Board and agreed
13 to review any flyer with the Board before printing.

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15 Installers permits were reviewed and signed for:

16 Melody Nydam-Impact Roads and Construction-whitinsville, Chris Lanoue-ADC Septic – Blackstone, Brandon McCurley – JC
17 Parmenter Inc – Hopkinton, Daniel Grant – Grants Services – Northbridge, John DiCarlo – High Acres Assoc. – Hopkinton, and
18 Brandon McCurley – JC Parmenter – Hopkinton.

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20 Garbage and Offal permits were reviewed and signed for: JC Parmenter – Hopkinton, Gibson Septic – Millville, ADC Septic –
21 Blackstone, Grants Services - Northbridge, Able Septic Services – Hopkinton, and Windriver Env. – Marlboro.

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23 Food permits were reviewed and signed for: - Memorial Elementary School-Fiske Avenue, Nipmuc Regional HS-Pleasant Street,
24 Blackstone Valley Reg. Tech. HS – Pleasant Street, Three Seasons BVT- Pleasant Street, Blackstone Valley Tech Culinary Dept. –
25 Pleasant Street and Larry Joes New England Firepit – Mendon.

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27 11:44 a.m., Board member, Laura Hebb arrived.

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29 A request for a rabies exemption for the family dog of Rebecca Gendron of 13 North Main Street was reviewed.

30 **Motion one** – Ted made a motion to approve the rabies exemption and Laura seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority.

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32 The most recent inspection reports and lab results were reviewed for Dunkin Donuts – Hartford Avenue North. All reports indicated
33 that the establishment is free from any health concerns. The food inspector also inspected the facility and found no violations.

34 **Motion two** – Laura made a motion to allow Dunkin Donuts in Upton to reopen in full capacity. Ted seconded the motion. Motion
35 was approved by majority.

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37 Minutes to the previous meeting dated 12/19/22 were reviewed.

38 **Motion three** – Laura made a motion to approve the minutes and Ted seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority.

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40 Ted stated he received a complaint from Laurie Woodin that Nipmuc HS is using Styrofoam in the cafeteria. Ted stated he would visit
41 them and make sure they understand the local bylaw, prohibiting the use of Styrofoam.

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43 Diane stated she received an email from the Lakes and ponds Committee, who forwarded an email from David Connor of Upton who
44 stated he would like to fill the BOH seat on this committee. Board agreed David could be a member of the committee but not as a
45 BOH member. Ted stated there is also a vacancy on the Mosquito Control Board that needs a BOH member. Laura stated she could
46 fill one and maybe Quinn the other?

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48 Board also discussed the most recent rodent problem in the Coach Road area. It appears there is a nest that may be located on the
49 Prime property on Main Street. There is a possibility that the town of Upton may own the property. Diane stated she would follow up
50 with the Coach Road manager.

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52 **Motion four** - Laura made a motion to adjourn and Ted seconded the motion.

53 12:23 p.m., Meeting was adjourned.

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55 Respectfully Submitted,

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57 Diane Tiernan
58 Asst. Public Health Supervisor