

**BOARD OF
Health
MEETING
MINUTES**

**BOH Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021**

- 1 The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., by Chairman, Stedman (Ted) Briggs. Also in attendance were;
- 2 Member, Al Holman; Member, Richard Dejardins; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.
- 3 Agenda was approved.
- 4 Minutes to the previous meeting were reviewed
- 5 ***Motion One*** – Al made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting dated 5/27/21, and
- 6 Richard seconded the motion. Ted made the motion unanimous. Minutes were accepted.
- 7 Board reviewed the final draft of the Inter-Municipal Agreement for a public health inspector for 8 towns utilizing
- 8 grant money.
- 9 ***Motion two*** – Richard made a motion to approve the IMA , and appoint Diane and Trish as members. Al seconded
- 10 the motion and Ted made the motion unanimous. Agreement and appointments were approved.
- 11 ***Motion three*** – Richard made a motion to appoint Patricia Parent as the voting representative for the Town of
- 12 Upton, for the Region 2 PHEP Steering Committee. This appointment would be effective 7/1/21 – 6/30/22. Al
- 13 seconded the motion and Ted made the motion unanimous. Appointment was approved.
- 14 Board reviewed the one year contract extension for EL Harvey, dated 7/1/21 – 6/30/22.
- 15 ***Motion four*** – Al made a motion to approve the one year contract extension and Richard seconded the motion.
- 16 Ted made the motion unanimous. Extension was approved. The Selectmen will also vote on the extension at
- 17 their next scheduled meeting.
- 18 A septic design was reviewed for Douglas John and Amanda Graham - 12 Glenview Street. Plan was previously
- 19 approved by the agent, Paul McKeon.
- 20 ***Motion five*** - Richard made a motion to approve the design and Al seconded the motion. Ted made the motion
- 21 unanimous. Plan was approved.
- 22 Diane discussed the present trash and recycling contract, and stated we will need to post an RFP in the next few
- 23 months. Our present contract with Harvey's will expire at the end of June in 2022. Board stated we will put
- 24 together the specifications for an RFP and let the townspeople decide if they want to continue with curbside
- 25 services.
- 26 5:00 p.m., ACO, Mike Moran arrived.
- 27 Diane gave an update on COVID, presently there are only two active cases in Upton. Trish continues to monitor
- 28 the situation and offer any assistance needed.
- 29 A septic permit was reviewed for 196 Mechanic Street – -Mike Paquette to install Pirana Technology to his septic
- 30 tank. Agent, Paul McKeon will observe the installation. Diane has also been in contact with DEP regarding this
- 31 new technology and has received all required paperwork from Grants Septic who is performing the installation.

32 **Motion six** – Al made a motion to approve the permit and Richard seconded the motion. Ted made the motion
33 unanimous. Permit was approved.

34 Mike Moran gave his report of activity:

35 • Presently kenneling a dog whose owner has been hospitalized for several weeks. Unsure if the woman
36 will be returning to her home or not. One of her dogs was found deceased and the other he had to take
37 to a vet for immediate care. He is working with the liaison for the hospital and has plans to try and foster
38 the dog until decisions have been made.

39 • Dog bites – recent dog bite involved a dog that lives out of town but is brought to a local business. Dog
40 has bit more than one person. May have to go before the Selectmen

41 • Mike asked if we could add horses to the fines/tickets that are issued to a pet owner when their pet is
42 loose or vicious. He stated more than once a horse has gotten loose and it's a lot of work and time to
43 capture it and return it to the owner. Right now, there is no fine in place.

44 **Motion six** – Al made a motion to add horses to the fine/ticket process and Richard seconded the motion.
45 Ted made the motion unanimous. Motion was approved.

46 • Lots of wildlife calls, coyote under porch, foxes that have mange, woodchucks and other wildlife

47 • There also seems to be a problem with song birds dying. The state would like people to report any dead
48 bird they find. It appears to be some type of a virus. Diane was asked to post more information on the
49 towns' website.

50 **Motion seven** – Richard made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Ted made the motion
51 unanimous.

52 5:22 p.m., Meeting was adjourned.

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54 Respectfully submitted,

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56 Diane Tiernan