

BOARD OF Health MEETING MINUTES

BOH Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021

- 1 The remote meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m., by Member, Ted Briggs. Also attending remotely were;
2 member, Richard Desjardins; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan;
- 3 Richard D read the following: *Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain*
4 *Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning*
5 *imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of*
6 *Upton will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. We will strive to provide access to*
7 *such meetings via a link to call in, or other similar option. In the event we are unable to accommodate the same,*
8 *despite best efforts, we will post recorded sessions of the meeting as soon as possible following the same.*
- 9 Agenda was approved.
- 10 Minutes to the previous meeting were reviewed.
- 11 **Motion one** - Richard made a motion to approve the minutes to the previous meeting held on 12/23/20 and Ted
12 seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- 13 Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and approved. Ted stated he would go to the office in the morning to sign
14 them.
- 15 Board discussed the present COVID-19 situation. The amount of cases is still increasing in the town of Upton,
16 presently, we are at approximately 315 positive cases total.
- 17 We were advised by the MA DPH that as of 3/1/21, the local municipalities will no longer be receiving vaccine for
18 local clinics, that the vaccine doses will be going to the larger MA vaccine sites. This is very disheartening as the
19 BOH was doing a great job vaccinating at a local level. There is much concern from several officials who are trying
20 to change this.
- 21 Applications for Animal permits were reviewed for; Rizzatano – 6 Wood Street, 10 Oak Knoll Lane – Lennek and 96
22 Elm Street – Winn.
- 23 **Motion two** – Ted made a motion to approve the above permits and Richard seconded the motion. Permits were
24 approved by majority.
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- 26 Applications for Garbage and Offal permits were reviewed for; Berkowitz Trucking – Whitinsville, Gibson Septic –
27 Millville, and Scott Septic – Hopkinton.
- 28 **Motion three** - Ted made a motion to approve the above permits and Richard seconded the motion. Permits were
29 approved by majority.
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- 31 Applications for installers permits were reviewed for; Chris Orlando of Southboro and Robert Scott of Hopkinton.
- 32 **Motion four** - Richard made a motion to approve the above permits and Ted seconded the motion. Permits were
33 approved by majority
- 34 Diane stated that the BOH agent, Paul McKeon suggested that we delay any septic installations until the snow has
35 melted. It's too difficult to install a septic under 2 to 3' of snow. Board agreed.
- 36 **Motion five** – Richard made a motion to delay any future septic installations until the ground snow has melted.
37 Ted seconded the motion. Motion approved by majority.
- 38 **Motion Six** – Ted made a motion to adjourn and Richard seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority.

39 1:20 p.m.,. meeting was adjourned.

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41 Respectfully Submitted,

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43 Diane Tiernan

44 Asst. Public Health Supervisor

45 Upton Board of Health