

BOARD OF  
Health  
MEETING  
MINUTES

December, 21, 2021  
Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

1 The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., by Chairman, Ted Briggs. Also in attendance were;  
2 member; Richard Desjardins; Member, Al Holman; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.  
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4 Agenda was reviewed and approved.  
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6 Agent, Paul McKeon was also in attendance.  
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8 **Motion one** – Al made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting dated 11/4/21 and  
9 Ted seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by majority vote.  
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11 Vouchers were viewed.  
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13 Board discussed requiring PFAS testing for private wells in new homes in Upton. Diane stated she  
14 cannot find any other town in MA that currently requires it. It is required already on the municipal  
15 water system and Upton's level are very low, well within the limits.  
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17 **Motion two** – Richard made a motion to decline the addition of PFAS testing too Upton's private well  
18 requirements. Al seconded the motion and Ted made the motion unanimous.  
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20 Septic designs were reviewed for 6D and 6E, Mendon Street – Margaret Seiber. Plans were previously  
21 approved by Agent, Paul McKeon.  
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23 **Motion three** – Richard made a motion to approve of the above septic designs and Al seconded the  
24 motion. Ted made the motion unanimous. Plans were approved.  
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26 Garbage and offal permits were reviewed for J. Hockman Inc. – Norfolk; Scott septic Inc. – Hopkinton;  
27 Curtis Septic Service – Northboro; JC Parmenter – Hopkinton, and Able Septic Service – Mendon.  
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29 **Motion four** - Richard made a motion to approve of the above Garbage and Offal permits and Al  
30 seconded the motion. Ted made the motion unanimous. Permits were approved.  
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32 Installers permits were reviewed for Robert Scott/Scott Septic-Hopkinton; Kenneth Malo/Curtis Septic-  
33 Northboro; and John DiCarlo/High Acres, Hopkinton.  
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35 **Motion five** – Al made a motion to approve the above permits and Richard seconded the motion. Ted  
36 made the motion unanimous. Permits were approved.  
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38 A septic repair permit for 65 High Street – James and Lisa McNamara was reviewed. Plans were  
39 previously approved by BOH agent, Paul McKeon.  
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41 **Motion six** - Al made a motion to approve the septic repair permit and Richard seconded the motion.  
42 Ted made the motion unanimous. Permit was approved.  
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44 Budget for fiscal 22/23 was reviewed and discussed. Board agreed to offer the merit bonus's to the  
45 Town Nurse, Asst. Public Health Supervisor, and the Dog Officer. The Waste Removal Curbside figure  
46 can only be submitted as an estimate because the bids won't be returned until the end of January.  
47 Board approved of all other figures.  
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43 A septic repair permit was reviewed for 105 Crocket Road. The system is proposed on the owners  
44 property across the street from his house. Board stated the owner will need approval from the DPW to  
45 go across the street with piping before we can approve of the design. Permit was denied at this time.  
46 Mail was reviewed.

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48 **Motion seven** - Richard stated he would like to make a motion that all visitors to the town hall have a  
49 mask on. Al and Ted stated they would not second the motion. They believe it is people's choice as long  
50 as they've been vaccinated.

51 4:59 p.m. Al made a motion to close the meeting. Richard seconded the motion and Ted made the  
52 motion unanimous.

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54 5:00 p.m., public hearing was opened. (See separate meeting minutes)

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56 5:16 p.m., Richard made a motion to re-open the BOH meeting. Al seconded the motion and Ted made  
57 the motion unanimous.

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59 5:17 p.m., town manager, Derek Brindisi called in to the meeting to discuss the current covid situation  
60 and other matters.  
61 Board stated to Derek that they had discussed mandating masks within the town hall and it was decided  
62 by majority not to mandate it. Derek stated he has reviewed the current town hall policies in area  
63 towns, and has found there were several that were closed to the public. Due to the high covid-19 rate,  
64 he would like to propose to the Selectmen that the Upton town hall remains open for business, but  
65 closes their doors to the public, at least until the middle of January at which time, it will be re-visited.

66 **Motion eight** - Richard made a motion to close the town hall to the public until further notice. Al  
67 seconded the motion and Ted made the motion unanimous. Board informed Derek they are in  
68 agreement.

69 5:20 p.m., Derek disconnected from the meeting.

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71 Diane discussed the present bid specs for trash and recycling and clarified any amendments they wished  
72 to make regarding the cost of bulk items for residents. Bid specs will be going out by the end of the  
73 month to prospective vendors.

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75 **Motion nine** – Al made a motion to adjourn and Richard seconded the motion. Ted made the motion  
76 unanimous.

77 5:27 p.m., meeting was adjourned.

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80 Respectfully Submitted,

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83 Diane Tiernan

84 Assistant Public Health Supervisor