

BOARD OF Health MEETING MINUTES

BOH Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2020

1 The virtual meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Chairman, Richard Desjardins. Also in attendance were
2 Member, Al Holman; Member, Ted Briggs; Assistant Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan; and Town Nurse,
3 Trish Parent.

4 Richard read the preamble allowing us to hold a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 concerns:
5 *Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law,*
6 *G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the*
7 *number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Upton will be conducted via remote*
8 *participation to the greatest extent possible. We will strive to provide access to such meetings via a link to call in, or*
9 *other similar option. In the event we are unable to accommodate the same, despite best efforts, we will post*
10 *recorded sessions of the meeting as soon as possible following the same.*

11 Agenda was approved.

12 **Motion one** – Al made a motion to approve of the minutes from the previous meeting dated, 4/1/2020. Ted
13 seconded the motion, and Richard made the motion unanimous. Minutes were approved.

14 Town Nurse, Trish Parent gave an update on the COVID-19 situation. Currently, in Upton the number of residents,
15 testing positive is at 14, but only a couple are still active. Upton is in fact a very healthy community compared to
16 other areas of the state. She is working alongside the state using the MAVEN system and following all reported
17 cases. Right now, she is able to handle the cases in both Upton and Blackstone without any added personnel.

18 Richard stated he went to 25 local businesses with the BOH order to limit the occupants in their buildings to no
19 more than 10 and to wear a mask if they are a food handler or cannot meet the 6' social distance separation.
20 Trish also noted that she visited the construction site on Main Street (Lobisser) and they are doing a wonderful job
21 cooperating with the construction site guidelines.

22 Trish left the meeting.

23 Vouchers and payroll were reviewed

24 **Motion two** - Al made a motion to approve of the vouches and payroll. Ted seconded the motion, and Richard
25 made the motion unanimous. Vouches and payroll were approved.

26 Ted stated he and BOH Agent, Paul McKeon walked the property at 5A Wildwood Avenue with John Dupree of
27 Trinity Engineering. The engineer agreed he could relocate the well and Paul felt a septic system meeting Title 5
28 requirements could be installed on this property. Ted informed the engineer that the homeowner could proceed
29 with testing and the Board would review a proposed design in the future.

30 Revised septic designs were reviewed for 154 and 158 Christian Hill Road – DiCarlo. Plans were previously
31 reviewed by agent, Paul McKeon. Paul is ok with the plans pending minor changes.

32 **Motion three** – Al made a motion to approve of the two designs pending revisions requested by BOH Agent, Paul
33 McKeon. Ted seconded the motion and Richard made the motion unanimous.

34 Richard discussed Article # 32 of the town warrant. He wishes to add the BOH report to the town manager under
35 this article along with the Assessors. Al stated they have spoken to the town manager about it and have agreed to
36 address it later next year.

37 Diane stated she was contacted by EL Harvey who has cancelled the hazardous waste day scheduled for June. We
38 are hopeful we can hold it in the fall.

39 Richard stated the beaver permit that he approved for the West River Street area near the town well head has
40 been successful. Several beavers were removed and the flooding has been greatly diminished.

41 Richard stated there is an issue with the house adjacent to his property that recently had a septic repair
42 completed. He is confident that the new system is located on property that he owns and was planning on
43 donating to the town. He wants someone to be responsible for this mistake; BOH, Assessors, or whomever.

44 Al stated the BOH approved of the design based upon the engineers septic design submitted to our office. It did
45 not show the system was on your property. Unfortunately, you were not in attendance at this meeting, but if the
46 plan is drawn incorrectly, you need to speak to the engineer who stamped the plan, not the BOH. Richard stated
47 something will be done, he's not sure what yet but he wants it resolved.

48 **Motion four** – Ted made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Richard made the motion unanimous.
49 1:42 p.m., Meeting was adjourned.

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51 Respectfully Submitted,

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53 Diane Tiernan

54 Asst. Public Health Supervisor