

BOARD OF Health MEETING MINUTES

BOH Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020

The virtual on-line meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m., by Chairman, Al Holman. Also in attendance were; member, Richard Desjardins; Member, Ted Briggs, and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

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

Motion one – Richard made a motion to approve of the minutes to the previous meeting held on 7/23/20. Ted seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Minutes were approved.

Vouchers and payroll were reviewed.

Motion two – Ted made a motion to approve the payroll and vouchers. Richard seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Ted agreed to go to the office in the morning to sign all approved documents from today's meeting.

Diane reviewed the present COVID situation for Upton;

The town nurse, Trish is still working with the schools to try and help them with a plan to open up.

Current active cases in town are at 2. Although things have picked up somewhat they do seem to be holding at a level rate, no big increases.

Diane reviewed complaints she is receiving from residents regarding masks. Honey Farms seems to be the biggest problem spot regarding the employees not wearing the required masks. Diane stated she has spoken to the manager asking them to enforce the mask policy. The employee in question states they have a medical condition. Al suggested we seek information from council if the problem continues.

The office has received several calls regarding the travel order, there seems to be a lot of confusion from callers.

Board discussed a request from resident Anthony Anzalone of 8 Plumbly Road – Anthony is in attendance of the meeting and wants to address amending the current animal regulations to regulate roosters. Anthony stated that his neighbors rooster at 6 Plumbly Road crows constantly, about every 10 to 20 seconds. He's concerned his house value is dropping because of it. It's extremely annoying. The current regulations do not go far enough to protect the neighbors. He's asking that a special permit be required and abutters be notified before a permit is issued. He'd like the town to ban roosters altogether as other towns like Plymouth have done.

Ted stated that Upton isn't Plymouth, different situation. Richard stated that he did not want to make any changes to the regulations right now. Al suggested to Anthony that it might be beneficial to have his neighbors attend a future meeting if they are bothered by it as well. Anthony said he had some neighbors with him now who could address the Board.

39 Brad Gustavesen of 10 Plumbly Road stated he hears the rooster when he's outside, but not when he's inside his
40 house. Mark Herbert, whom Anthony stated is about three houses down, stated he does not hear the rooster.
41 Ted stated he will try next week to go the area and listen for the rooster.

42 Al asked that the Board take a vote on changes to the Animal regulations.

43 **Motion three** - Richard made a motion not to make any changes right now to the Animal regulations. Ted
44 seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Regulations will remain without amendments.
45 Anthony and guests left the meeting.

46

47 A septic design was reviewed for 92 Hopkinton Road – Parreira. The plan was previously approved by Agent, Paul
48 Mckeeon.

49 **Motion four** – Richard made a motion to approve the plan and Ted seconded the motion. Al made the motion
50 unanimous. Plan was approved.

51

52 A septic design was reviewed for 125 Westboro Road – Rufin VanBossuyt. The plan requires a local upgrade as a
53 sieve analysis was used because a standard perc test could not be performed. The plan was previously approved
54 by Agent, Paul Mckeeon.

55 **Motion five** – Richard made a motion to approve the plan and local upgrade and Ted seconded the motion. Al
56 made the motion unanimous. Plan was approved.

57

58 A septic design was reviewed for 72 Glenview Street – Jonathon Harvey. The plan was previously approved by
59 Agent, Paul Mckeeon, as well as Chairman, Al Holman.

60 **Motion six**– Richard made a motion to approve the plan and Ted seconded the motion. Plan was approved by
61 majority.

62

63 A septic design was reviewed for 111 Christian Hill Road – CHR Realty Trust. The plan was previously approved by
64 Agent, Paul Mckeeon.

65 **Motion seven** – Ted made a motion to approve the plan and Richard seconded the motion. Al made the motion
66 unanimous. Plan was approved.

67

68 Applications for installers permits were reviewed for Nicholas Geneseo and Michael Decosta Jr. of Wind River Env.
69 Both applicants submitted evidence of a passing title 5 test in MA.

70 **Motion eight** – Ted made a motion to approve the plan and Richard seconded the motion. Al made the motion
71 unanimous. Permits were approved.

72

73 Diane discussed the results of the water samples taken at Pratt Pond. The testing showed some bacteria
74 elevations at Perch Rock and the culvert at Hopkinton Road, but the next rounds show it within acceptable limits.

The town beach has been testing in the acceptable range. Al suggested we continue with pond sampling for the next two weeks.

Hazardous waste day is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th. All members will be there.

An animal permit for 286 Westboro Road was reviewed. The applicant has 26 chickens at their residence. Ted stated it was agricultural zoned.

Motion nine – Richard made a motion to approve of the permit and Ted seconded the motion. Permit was approved.

Diane stated the virtual hearing with the court system and Mr. Cristino of 104 Westboro Road is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th. Al stated although the septic is an issue, they are also living at the premise without an occupancy permit. Al will contact the police dept., to see how to access an electric bill for the property.

Diane stated that she believes the trash issue at Fowler Street has been resolved. The DPW Director, Dennis Westgate has asked the contractor working on the bridge at Fowler Street to move the barrels of the three or four homes that the truck cannot get to, to an area that can be reached by the trash truck. The contractor will then move them back to the resident's homes.

Diane reviewed the vacation requests for both her and Trish Parent.

Motion ten – Richard made a motion to approve of the vacation requests and Ted seconded the motion. Al made the motion unanimous.

Motion eleven – Richard made a motion to adjourn and Ted seconded the motion. Al made the motion unanimous.

6:02 p.m., meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan, Asst. Public Health Supervisor