

# BOARD OF Health MEETING MINUTES

BOH Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2020

The on-line meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Richard Desjardins. Also in attendance were; Member, Al Holman and Member, Richard Desjardins.

Richard 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.*

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes to the previous meeting were reviewed.

**Motion One** – Al made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 6/4/2020. Ted seconded the motion and Richard made the motion unanimous. Minutes were approved.

**Motion two** - Al made a motion to appoint Diane Tiernan, temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganization of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Richard. Vote was taken and all were in favor.

Temporary Chairman, Diane Tiernan opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board of Health and asked for any nominations.

**Motion three** – Richard made a motion to nominate Al Holman as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted. Diane then closed the nominations.

**Motion four**- Richard made a motion to appoint Al Holman as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted. Al accepted the nomination as Chairman.

**Motion five** – Richard made a motion to rescind the former motion appointing Diane Tiernan as Temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganizing the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Al. Diane turned the meeting back over to Al.

**Motion five** – Richard made a motion to reappoint all Board of Health staff which includes: Animal Inspector, Mike Moran; Burial Agent, Kelly McElreath; Assistant Burial Agent, Andrew Pickering; Housing Agent, Patricia Parent; Title 5 Agents, Lenny Izzo & Paul McKeon; Food Inspector, Janice Skinner; Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan; Town Nurse, Patricia Parent; and Town Physician, Dr. Jeff Lucas. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Al.

Updates to COVID-19 :

- no new cases since 5/31/20
- now in part 2 of phase 2 – restaurants are now able to open inside with special requirements
- MA doing very well with the timing of open phases
- Town meeting took place at Nipmuc High School with all necessary precautions – no issues and residents were very cooperative

42 Board reviewed a mosquito control flyer that a local group would like to see the BOH sponsor if possible. Laurie  
43 Woodin, Marcella Stasa, and Gene Bernat were on line to discuss the flyer with the Board. Laurie stated they met  
44 with the Selectmen earlier this week and they have agreed to support the flyer and fund the cost of the  
45 newspaper insertion. Al stated he had some issues with some of the language in the flyer. The BOH cannot go  
46 against the Department of Public Health and Dept. of Agriculture policies. Ted suggested if the group preferred  
47 not to make any changes, that they could run the flyer without the Boards support or funding. Right now, the  
48 Selectmen have given their approval. Board further debated the changes they would like to see to the flyer and  
49 after much discussion, came to an agreement with the wording of the flyer.

50 **Motion six** - Richard made a motion to approve of the flyer with the requested changes, and the Board would  
51 cover the cost of the insertion in newspaper. Ted seconded the motion. Al recused himself from the motion.  
52 Motion was approved by majority.  
53 Laurie thanked the Board for their help. Laurie, Marcella and Gene left the meeting.

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55 Board discussed the septic system installation at 54 East Street, for Bob Fleming. Diane stated she spoke to both  
56 the agent who inspected the system as well as the installer. It appears that plan reflected the changes that were  
57 made and those changes were inspected by the BOH agent. The installer stated the system will have no issues the  
58 way it is, and if they had removed the existing tank it would have jeopardized his foundation. The installer stated  
59 that no one had contacted him about the issue, and if they had, he would have done what he could to put Mr.  
60 Fleming at ease. Al stated he would speak further with Bob.

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62 Septic designs were reviewed for: 5A Wildwood Avenue – Ortiz, 107 Christian Hill Road – CHR Realty Trust, and 39  
63 Orchard Street – Levin. All plans were previously reviewed and approved by BOH agent, Paul McKeon.  
64 **Motion seven** – Richard made a motion to approve of the above plans and Ted seconded the motion. Al made  
65 the motion unanimous. Septic permits and plans were approved.

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67 A request for an installers permit for Joseph LaFrance of Douglas was reviewed.

68 **Motion eight** - Richard made a motion to approve of the permit and Ted seconded the motion. Al made the  
69 motion unanimous. Permit was approved.

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71 Diane stated she has a request to extend the perc/deephole season until the end of July. Due to covid-19, there  
72 were delays in completing testing. Extending it for a longer period would allow those lots to be tested. Title 5  
73 allows for testing during the entire calendar year.

74 **Motion nine** – Ted made a motion to extend the perc/deephole season until 7/31/2020. Richard seconded the  
75 motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Motion was approved.

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77 Board discussed the animal regulations and the request to change the poultry/rooster requirements. After much  
78 debate, the Board agreed to passover the issue until a future meeting.

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80 Board reviewed a request for an extension of soil testing at 122 Mechanic Street – Anderson. Original testing was  
81 completed in May of 2016.

82     **Motion ten** – Ted made a motion to allow for a six month extension only. No further extensions will be allowed.

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84     Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and approved.

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86     **Motion eleven** – Richard made a motion to adjourn and Ted seconded the motion. All made the motion  
87     unanimous.

88     6:53 p.m., meeting was adjourned.

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