

BOARD OF
Health
MEETING
MINUTES

BOH Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020

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

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

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12 Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

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14 Minutes to the previous meeting were reviewed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 Updates to COVID-19 :

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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. Al made the motion
87 unanimous.
88 6:53 p.m., meeting was adjourned.
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90 Respectfully Submitted,
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93 Diane Tiernan
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96 Asst. Public Health Supervisor