



# Town of Dighton

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

Old Town Hall

1111 Somerset Avenue

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4:30.P.M

This was also a remote participation "Zoom" meeting. It was a public meeting recorded for Cable Broadcast and Internet posting on [www.dighton-ma.gov](http://www.dighton-ma.gov) and YouTube.

This agenda was subject to revisions/additions prior to the meeting.

This meeting was recorded. "The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1.) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Nicole Mello at 4:35 PM  
Video disclaimer recited.

### 2.) Committee Member Introductions:

Paul Pacheco, Pat McGovern, Nicole Mello

### 3.) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Recited

### 4.) New Business:

#### a.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Establishment of an Office Manager Preliminary Screening Committee

Nicole Mello – applications are being accepted until the 18<sup>th</sup>. From there they are looking to set up a screening committee consisting of Board of Health Members, Town Administrator and Karin Brady.

Paul Pacheco makes a motion that the member of the Board of Health along with Mike Mullen and Karin Brady will be part of the interview committee. Pat McGovern seconds. Vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

#### b.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Transfer Station Rejected Mattress Fee

Todd Pilling- This came out of Solid Waste Committee. We just raised the price of mattress disposal at the transfer station to 40.00. If a mattress comes in that is excessively moldy or has bed bugs rather than just rejecting it, they decided that rejected mattress fee would increase to 125.00. The Solid Waste Committee is recommending to the Board of Health that the fee be raised to 125.00 to cover the disposal cost. The Board of Health would be recommending it to the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Pacheco makes a motion that we agree with the Solid Waste Committees suggestion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen we raise the fee of rejected mattress to 125.00. Pat McGovern seconds. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**c.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Payment Designation Authorization Form**

Nicole and Barbara were on the list. Nicole wants to add Pat and Paul to the authorization form. Paul Pacheco makes a motion that any member of the Board of Health will be authorized to sign for payroll or any other expenses. Pat McGovern seconds. Vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**d.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

Nicole questions how this was done in the past. Todd Pilling said in years past the Chairman would consult with the agent and office manager to go over what expenses they had. A spreadsheet was produced and that how they came up with their numbs.

Paul Pacheco expresses his interest in being involved. He asks Jim for guidance asks if he is able to help out.

January 25, 2023, at 4:30 will be the next meeting date to review budget.

February 1, 2023, at 4:30 for final review

Paul makes a motion that we meet on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> to review the budget and Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to finalize the budget. Pat McGovern seconds. Vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**e.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Calendar Year 2022 Annual Report**

Todd Pilling states it's a report every board and committee is required to submit one by the end of March. Nicole said its just samples of what the board has done in the last year. Pat McGovern said he would work on it.

**f.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Barn/Stable Permits**

Pat McGovern makes a motion to table the topic until Stacy Ferry is present. Paul Pacheco seconds. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

Stacy is ok with doing away with Barn permits but wants to keep the Stable permits active. Some people use horses for training and lessons. She wants to be able to inspect.

Pat McGovern makes a motion to get rid of the barn permits and keeping the stable permits as is. Paul Pacheco sends. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**g.) Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance**

None

**4.) Inspectors Reports:**

**a.) Health Agent**

Public Excellence Grant has authorized housing training for two employees. Paul Pacheco will attend with Todd Pilling. Training held on Feb 1, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Taunton, Ma Moving Forward with the Advised Housing Code, presented by the Public Health Department.

No Perc or applications scheduled. It's been slow so he has been working on things he is behind on. Food Permits have not been issued. The board wants to prioritize those to get done first. Jim Aguiar said to get him the food and installer permit application to him so he can get them done. No one should be operating without a valid permit.

Paul Pacheco makes a motion to we go back to f to discuss the barns and permits. Pat McGovern seconds. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**b.) Building Commissioner**

Jim Aguiar, building, fire department and Board of Selectmen had to close a business in town. The restaurant failed to comply with standards. Nana's Place on Winthrop St will remain closed until further notice. The issues were building safety oriented and not up to code. The owner was not able to comply so has to remain closed.

A gentleman from the USDA came into speak with the Health Dept and Todd was not available to speak with him. He was in town to talk to the Board of Health in a rise in roadside meat processing. He is seeing a lot of small farms are process meat and selling it to the public. He wants the Board to be vigilant of this matter. Nicole asks if eggs on the side of the road are ok to have. Jim stated the inspector stated as long as they are not processed, they are fine. He is sending Jim Aguiar correspondence through email and he will share it with the board.

**c.) Animal Inspector**

No reports to share.

**d.) Nurse**

Public Health Excellence Grant has not held a meeting due to the holidays. Meetings will resume on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Continuing work on the Healing Community Study, went to Full Envision Farm. A drop-in center will be located there. They will have STARR from Fall River there set days a week. The nurse from STARR will be there to offer assistance.

Continuing to blood pressure clinic and Strawberry Vine

Started working with Rehoboth Town nurse. She is working on her capstone for school.

**5.) Public Input:**

Leonard Hull, we have spent a year and a half discussing what the board of health is going to be and what Todd Pilling's job description, hours and rate of pay would be. We postponed decisions on job description and duties because we were told that the public excellence grant was going to pick up some of those functions. We postponed job description as well as duties because we The Board of Health needs to come together a plan that they want to see the town of Dighton implement so we can go forward. Would like this board to put together a recommendation for the Board of Selectmen of contract, rate of pay.

Paul Pacheco would like to add it to the meeting on 1/25/23

**6.) Correspondence:**

None

**7.) Approval of Minutes:**

**a.) November 29, 2022, Special Meeting**

**b.) December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting**

Pat McGovern makes a motion to accept the minutes from the November 29<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and the Dec 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Paul Pacheco seconds. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

**8.) Adjournment:**

Paul Pacheco makes a motion to adjourn. Pat McGovern seconds. A vote is made in favor and carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM