



Town of Dighton

BOARD OF HEALTH
Special Meeting
Primetime
1059 Somerset Avenue
Dighton, MA 02715
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.
Agenda

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 and YouTube.

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited**

Members present: Paul Pacheco, Patrick McGovern

Live on Zoom: None

In Person Present: Nicole Mello, Town Nurse Todd Pilling, Health Agent;
Elizabeth Moreira, BOH Office Manager, James Aguiar, Building Commissioner,

Public Hearing: Kimberly Whitmire of 1560 Pine St. Kennel License Application
Pat Mc Govern made a motion to approve the kennel license at 1560 Pine St. Paul Pacheco seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

4.) Inspectors Reports:

a.) Town Nurse

- Public Health Excellence Grant. Town selected BNE Strategies as our service coordinator. Due to capacity assessments, they added 200k for FY24 for all the communities.
- Healing Community Study. National Institute of Drug Abuse will come out and visit everything we have been doing on Monday.
- Open house for Luke's Light in Berkley.
- Went to Touch a Truck, gave out Narcan and working on Narcan training. Created info for residents on ticks and illness. Will have it out in June.
- Presentation on ticks and tick born illness will be presented n June 12, 2023

b.) Building Commissioner

Nothing for tonight

c.) Animal Inspector

Nothing for tonight

d.) Health Agent

Been slow. Working on other things

5.) Old Business:

a.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Proposed Regulation on Animals

Putting out regulations that are loose. We will have them for all animals. Not state or federal laws on animal containment.

There is a bylaw on pig. No more than 3 pigs per property.

Poultry is an issue in town. Sheep and goat are scarce, but the BOH needs to approve the new regulations. The board will need to advertise it three times.

Pat is ok with taking Stacy's recommendations.

Jim asked how we are going to make sure there is fencing enforced.

We need to come up with a solution.

Todd thinks the Animal control should be the enforcing factor.

Pat McGovern made a motion to accept the proposed regulations on animals put forth by the animal control officer. Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy would like the regulations as soon as possible.

Pat made a motion to take item 6e out of order. Pat Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Health Agent Job Description

Pat McGovern shares draft job description with Board of Health. Looked around at other areas, got feedback from Todd. We will review and revisit at the next meeting.

c.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Board of Health Restructuring. Posting Vacant Position

The position has been posted and are accepting applications.

d.) Review/ Discuss/ Act: Use of Third-Party Consultant for Inspections

Jim Aguiar shared a proposal on third party consultant for inspections.

There was cost, turn around time. The Board has already voted to do this. We need to adjust our fee structure to cover the cost. The board discusses cost and budget.

Paul Pacheco's concerns are if we run out of money. If you have a spike, then you will have to permitting fees to cover the cost.

We need to evaluate the fees before with go live with e-permit.

6.) New Business:

a.) Move of Monthly Meeting to Tuesday

The third Tuesday at 4:30 PM

Pat Made a motion to move the meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of the month to 4:30 PM starting June 20th. Paul seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Vote for a Department Head of the Board of Health

Pat McGovern made a motion to make the chairman the dept head. Paul Pacheco seconds.

c.) Complaint Regarding Trash Bags

We will keep track, but we will need to place an order come July and we will have to get bid. We need the public to tell us they're having an issue.

Jim Aguiar noted we need to have a plan in place if it's a continuous issue we need to reach out to the vendor.

d.) Open Meeting Law Complaint on April 13, 2023, from Patrick Higgins

Pat McGovern shares the letter he sent to Patrick Higgins. Explains the reason of the delay and

Pat Made a motion to approve the letter he wrote to be sent to the office of Patrick Higgins. Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

e.) Poppasquash Waiver for Pool Usage

Christopher Andrade speaks on behalf of Poppasquash. Hopefully in the next year or two they will have the funds to replace the pump. Hopefully we can get more interest in the community. They have a total of 15 families. The goal is to have 20-25 families.

Pat McGovern makes a motion to grant the waiver for Poppasquash Pool Usage. Limiting the occupants to 33 at one given time. Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

f.) Scouts Boy Scouts of America Waiver Fee for Chicken BBQ

Pat McGovern makes a motion to approve the waiver for the Chicken BBQ, Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

g.) Conservation Commission Request for Septic Notifications

The Board discusses the need for the Con Com on septic applications.

Jim Aguiar reads the Dighton Conservation bylaws from 9/15/21. The letter is in contradiction to the Con Com bylaw. He feels its an unwarranted request. The board does not have the authority to grant this request.

Pat McGovern makes a motion to send a letter to the Con Com requesting their presence. Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat McGovern makes a motion to table the topic, Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

h.) Other items not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours

None

7.) Public Input:

None

8.) Correspondence:

Bean sprouts with a sell by day of 5/07/23 – Food recall

Spray request for mosquitos will begin 5/30/23. Call 508-823-5253 to make a request for spray.

9.) Approval of Minutes:

a.) April 12, 2023

Pat McGovern makes a motion to approve the minutes from 4/12/23, Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) April 04, 2023

Pat McGovern makes a motion to table the minutes from 4/04/23, Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) January 12, 2023 Pat McGovern makes a motion to approve the minutes from 1/12/23 with the same understanding 29.11-2 that they are being approved in a timely manner due to the restructuring of the Board of Health. Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

10.) Adjournment: Pat McGovern makes a motion to adjourn, Paul Pacheco seconds. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM