



Board of Selectmen/Board of Health Joint Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Old Town Hall, 1111 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA 02715

Topic: Board of Health Regular Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2023 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

AGENDA:

**1. Call to Order:** By Nicole Mello at 6:05PM. Disclaimer Recited

**Members Present:** Nicole Mello, Paul Pacheco, Pat McGovern, Leonard Hull. Peter Caron, Mike Mullen, Jim Aguiar, Karin Brady,

**2. Pledge of allegiance:**

**3. Board of Health Restructuring Efforts**

**a. Transfer Station**

The Board discussed moving the Transfer Station to be managed by the Highway Department.

Mike Mullen states that this is a topic that is related to the restructuring the Board of Health.

Chairman Hull asked; Is the Board of Health at this time have the desire to address any of the issues A-E with a plan?

Nicole responds that she is not comfortable passing off the transfer station to Tom Ferry just yet. She wants to see what it entails and what other options there are. She does not want to give another department a problem.

Chairman Hull asked; Mr. Ferry have you had the opportunity to think this over. Do you think you would be willing to take over the transfer station?

Mike Mullen clarifies the two issues. There is a responsibility of the management of the transfer station and the cost associated with it. There are state requirements that are the Board of Health regulates and monitors.

Paul Pacheco made a motion to move the responsibilities of the transfer station to the Highway Department. Pat McGovern seconds and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hull entertains a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the Transfer Station transfer from the Board of Health to the Highway Department. Mr. Caron made the motion. Leonard Hull steps down as Chair and seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **b. Solid Waste**

The Board discussed moving the Solid Waste Committee to be managed by the Highway Department. Not enough discussion has been made to decide. Jim Aguiar encourages the Board of Health to attend a Solid Waste meeting. Then decide what would work best for the Solid Waste Committee and with Mr. Ferry. Paul Pacheco made a motion to tentatively agree to transfer the Solid Waste Committee to the Highway Department. Pat McGovern seconds and the motion carried in favor unanimously.

Mr. Hull entertained a motion tentatively agree to transfer the Solid Waste Committee to the Highway Department. Peter Caron made the motion. Leonard Hull stepped down as Chairman and seconds. The motion carried in favor unanimously.

#### **c. Title V and Perc Test Reviews**

The Board discusses three options for the handling of title v and perc tests. They can either leave it the way it is with Todd Pilling handling all of the inspections. Create a 53G account to help Mr. Pilling or use an outside service. Nicole questioned what the cost would be with the other options. Mr. Caron stated that the outside service would not cost the town anything. The vendor would charge the contractor.

Paul Pacheco made a motion to utilize both Todd Pilling and a private consultant in regard to title v and perc reviews. Pat McGovern seconds and the motion carried in favor unanimously.

Mr. Hull entertained a motion that the Board of Health vote to approve the title five and perc test reviews under the responsibility of Mr. Pilling with the ability to involve a private consultant should a workload need arise. Mr. Caron made the motion. Mr. Hull stepped down as chairman and second. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **d. Stormwater**

Mr. Hull spoke on the request from the Board of Selectmen. He had asked the Stormwater Committee and the Board of Health get together and decide how much of Mr. Pilling's time would be needed for Stormwater responsibilities. The Paul Pacheco made a motion to table the topic until after the meeting with Stormwater takes place. Pat McGovern seconds, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **e. Related Permitting and Inspections**

Mr. Hull stated the topic was started at the last meeting and he was not ready to make a vote on it yet. There is need for more discussion. Mr. Aguiar discusses benefits and costs.

The Board discusses

Mr. Hull entertains a motion to grant the request of the west lane of Center St. related to the DRC rail project on Jan 24 – 28<sup>th</sup> weather permitted, from 150-176 Center St. Mr. Caron made the motion, Mr. Hull steps down as chair and seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **4. Discussion about Directions forward**

Mr. Hull asks for a realistic agenda of items for the next meeting. Two issues that were tabled, Stormwater & Solid Waste. Nicole Mello mentioned Mr. Pilling job description still needs to be discussed. Mike Mullen recommends the Board of Health to come back to the Board of Selectmen with recommendations. The next joint meeting will be January 30, 23 at 6PM.

### **5. Fees for Rejected Mattresses**

Nicole Mello explained that they are looking at charging a fee for rejected. Mr. Caron commented, we have an issue with mattresses that cannot be returned to Ace Mattress. We have come up with the best alternative with Borges. They will dispose of the mattress for us for a \$125.00 fee. Not additional taxes would be brought to the town.

Mr. Hull entertained a motion to approve the \$125 for the disposal of rejected mattresses. Mr. Caron made the motion and Chairman hull seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

### **6. Minutes**

#### **a. Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of December 12, 2022**

Mr. Caron made the motion to approve the minutes from the joint of Dec 12, 2022. Mr. Hull seconds and the motion passed unanimously.

Paul Pacheco made a motion to accept the meeting minute from the December 12<sup>th</sup> joint meeting. Pat McGovern second. and the motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Caron made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hull second. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Pacheco made a motion to adjourn and Pat McGovern second. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

\*This Agenda was subject to Revisions and additions up until meeting time.