



**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes**

January 13, 2022

Members Present

Thomas Pires
Kevin Bernardo

Staff Present

Todd Pilling

Unofficial Member Present

Barbara Catabia

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Call to Order: Chairman Thomas Pires called the workshop for Board of Health Polices and Regulations to order at 5:15 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5:00 P.M. Workshop: Proposed Septic and Body Art regulations were reviewed and discussed.

6:02 P.M. Call to Order Board of Health Regular meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Business:

Review / Discuss / Act: Introduce Barbara Catabia as new Board of Health Member

Mrs. Catabia is not an official member yet, as the Board of Selectmen meeting last Wednesday was postponed until next week. Barbara has experience in both food safety and septic systems.

Review / Discuss / Act: Introduce Diana Shannon as new Contact Tracer

The Board members welcomed Diana. Mrs. Shannon has experience working as a contact tracer for the Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC).

Review / Discuss / Act: Interview Transfer Station Attendant Jonathan Lawrence

Mr. Lawrence is a Town of Dighton resident. He utilizes the Transfer Station often and would like to be more involved in Town. Mr. Lawrence is changing his work schedule at his current job so that he will be available to work on Saturdays, but he will not be available on Tuesdays.

Motion Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires stepped down to second and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend to the Board of Selectmen Jonathan Lawrence for the position of Part Time Backup Transfer Station attendant.

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Thomas Pires

Roll Call (2) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires

Review / Discuss / Act: Solid Waste Committee

Health Agent Todd Pilling drafted a letter recommending the Board of Selectmen form a Solid Waste Committee. Barbara Catabia read the letter. Chairman Pires explained that the letter was written with the expectation of the Board voting and approving it based on the fact that the Board had already voted this a few months ago however the office staff has been behind in completing tasks and had not forwarded the request to the Selectman’s office for review and consideration.

Motion Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires stepped down to second and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to send the letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending that a solid waste committee be formed.

Roll Call (2) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires

Review / Discuss / Act: FY23 Budget

Account 433-solid waste disposal is based on volumes, contracts, and disposal costs. Health Agent Todd Pilling explained the Solid Waste increases from FY 22. Chairman Pires stated we need to also budget for a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) required inspection / monitoring of the capped landfill on Hart Street. The Tremont Street landfill inspection costs approximately \$5000. This cost was added to budget line 5300.

Account 510 -Increase overtime line for Health Agent from \$1000 to \$2000

Account 519-No comments

Review / Discuss / Act: Resident Handbook of what to expect when installing, repairing, or upgrading a Septic System

The Board reviewed a draft handbook created by the Health Agent and Office Manager. Chairman Pires would like to add to #1 that a Title V inspection may be performed up to two (2) years prior to the sale of a home.

Mr. Pires would also like to add links to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) website for questions and answers, and for information on maintenance of septic systems.

If the regulation changes discussed in the workshop pass, some changes to this document will be necessary (i.e., well test required for a Title 5 septic replacement).

Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated

None

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Inspector Reports

Town Nurse Nicole Mello reported that the contact tracer Diana Shannon is doing an excellent job.

Health Agent Todd Pilling reported that the Pandemic Reopening Task Force recommended that decisions related to Covid-19 should now be shifting to the Board of Health.

He also reported that the Hunter’s Hill subdivision had a fuel storage truck that leaked diesel fuel. Containment measures were taken, and a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) is working on it.

Animal Inspector Stacy Ferry was absent. Health Inspector Pilling reported for her. He stated that she had one property that the Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) had to remove the animals. Another property, the animals did not have shelter. She required a shelter be built immediately.

Mr. Pilling explained that the Board had previously requested the Agricultural Commission set a limit on the number of animals that are allowed per acre.

Public Input

None

Correspondence

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires stepped down to second and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to table the minutes from November 8, 2021 and December 2021.

Roll Call (2) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires

Adjournment

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires stepped down to second and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call (2) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires

Respectfully Submitted

Rosalind Grassie

These minutes reflect a summary of procedure and discussion for this meeting.

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