



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

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**Members Present**

Thomas Pires  
Kevin Bernardo  
Barbara Catabia

**Staff Present**

Todd Pilling  
Nicole Mello

**Call to Order:** Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Committee Business:**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Reorganize the Board**

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to table the discussion until the next meeting.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Authorization Signature Designee**

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize Barbara Catabia as a signatory for the Board of Health.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Delegate Stormwater Committee Representative**

Chairman Pires stated he is retiring April 30, 2022 from the Board of Health and he will also be retiring as the Board of Health Stormwater Committee Representative. He recommended Barbara Catabia be the Board of Health representative to the Stormwater Committee.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, Thomas Pires stepped down to second, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint Barbara Catabia as the Board of Health representative to the Stormwater Committee.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Proposed Amended Residential Kennel Bylaw Motion**

Chairman Pires read both the previously proposed and newly revised proposed bylaw motions. The previous motion needed to be amended to cite a different section of the zoning bylaw. It changes the definition, taking away the need for a special permit for lots >35,000s.f.

*Barbara Catabia*

It was moved by Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires stepped down to second, and VOTED to accept the revised motion clarifying there will be no need for a special permit if the lot size is under 35,0000 sq. ft.

**Roll Call**

**Kevin Bernardo-abstain, Barbara Catabia-aye, Thomas Pires-aye**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Curbside Bulky Waste and Recycling Contract Extension**

Todd Pilling explained that the current contract for curbside trash and recycling pickup with Borges Bros. Trucking expires June 30, 2022. The Board contacted Borges Bros. Trucking requesting an extension of the contract. The bid the Board of Health received is in line with the last round of bids three (3) years ago, plus escalation. The only other increase was for the fuel surcharge, given the rise in fuel costs.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town enter into a three (3) year extension of the bulky waste and recycling curbside contract with Borges Brothers Trucking.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Renewal Certified Pool and Spa Operator (CPO) Certification**

Health Agent Pilling's Certified Pool and Spa Operator (CPO) license is expiring. He needs to renew the certification. There is a local class at the Taunton holiday Inn on April 19 & 20, the Cost is \$375.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize Todd Pilling to take the pool operator certification class.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Warrant Article for Roll Off Containers**

The Board of Health submitted three (3) requests to the Capital Outlay Committee, all requests were needs for the Transfer Station: roll-off containers, swap shed, and point-of-service equipment. The Capital Outlay Committee only approved the \$12,000 for the roll-off containers. Since the requests were submitted to the committee, the price for a 30-yard container has increased to \$6,800. The repair costs of a container are approximately \$2,500. We currently have seven (7) containers. Board member Kevin Bernardo recommended we purchase enough containers so that the roll off containers are entirely the Towns containers. Now, some of the containers are owned by Borges Bros Trucking.

Barbara Catabia inquires if the Bristol Plymouth students could do some of the repairs?

The Mattress ban was discussed, and the need for a covered container. Given the height of a mattress, a 40-yard container would be needed. These cost approximately \$8500. Kevin Bernardo recommended with the upcoming mattress ban the town consider not accepting mattresses.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to submit a warrant article to purchase and or restore the roll off containers at the transfer station.

**Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Review / Discuss / Act: TAVVA Temporary Food Permit Waiver Request**

The Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association (TAVVA) is a non-profit group. They have three (3) fund raiser car shows over the summer. They serve hamburgers and hot dogs. They have requested the board waive the temporary food permit fee.

It was moved by Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires stepped down to second, and VOTED to grant the request to waive the fee for the temporary food permit.

**Roll Call**

**Kevin Bernardo-abstained, Barbara Catabia-aye, Thomas Pires-aye**

**Review / Discuss / Act: Combined Sewer Overflow Regulation**

Agent Todd Pilling explained to the Board that the State has passed a new regulation applicable to Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO). A CSO is a facility in a city or town that has a sewer system that also takes in stormwater. In large storm events, the volume of water is so great that the treatment plant cannot keep up, and there is a release of either untreated or partially treated sewage to a body of water. This new CSO regulation requires those treatment plants to notify downstream communities. Taunton has a CSO which discharges into the Taunton River. The City of Taunton is required to notify the Town of Dighton and other towns along the river of a release. The Dighton Board of Health is then required to put up signage at all public access points to the Taunton River and send out a public health notification to the entire town. Agent Pilling recommended the use of the CodeRed Emergency notification system when a release happens. The signage and notification will need to state that there was a release, and the water is not safe for 48 hours. It is anticipated that the Taunton Sewer Department will be reaching out to the Town to determine signage locations and notification wording. Agent Pilling will have more information at future meetings.

**Inspectors Reports**

**Town Nurse Nicole Mello** reported the COVID-19 numbers continue to decline. There is a lot home testing being done and those tests are not as accurate. She stated the numbers being reported are not as accurate. Mrs. Mello stated Contact Tracer Diana Shannon was doing an excellent job, however, Mrs. Shannon's three month appointment is over and she can handle the

number of positive cases being reported. Mrs. Mello also stated booster vaccines have been announced for those over 50 years old. The Department of Public Health weekly calls are now every other week.

Mrs. Mello explained that she contacted the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force (GNBTF). Their goal is to reduce opioid deaths through the implementation of evidence-based practices. She will be reporting back to the Board with more information as she gets it.

She reminded residents that it is now tick season. Be cautious, as ticks carry a lot of diseases.

**Health Agent Todd Pilling** stated the number soil and percolation testing applications have increased.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Barbara Catabia and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to enter into executive session to enter into contract negotiation with the Health Agent under Mass General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) at 6:28 P.M.

### **Roll Call (3) Ayes**

**Kevin Bernardo, Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Executive session is a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Health will not be returning to open meeting.**

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Barbara Catabia, Tom Pires stepped down to second, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

### **Roll Call (2) Ayes**

**Barbara Catabia, Thomas Pires**

**Kevin Bernardo left and did not attend the Executive Session.**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Rosalind Grassie**

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