

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 6:00 P.M.



3/16/2022

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Renee D'Argento, Health Agent Gendron, Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson LaFleur presented the meeting minutes of January 25, 2022.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of January 25, 2022 with corrections, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

The meeting minutes of February 1, 2022 were presented.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of February 1, 2022, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

132 BROOKLINE STREET – LOCAL UPGRADE APPROVAL

The engineer, Doug Smith of Soil Smith Design was present for this upgrade. He is requesting a 1' reduction resulting the sand bed bottom to be 36" above high groundwater. Having this will have gravity from house and with a new tank elevation would be helpful. They are on town water. Without this it will cause major changes and hardships. It is a Presby system and will be better. Health Agent Gendron agreed with findings.

After discussion, a Motion was made by D'Argento to grant the variance of a 1' reduction, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

FY 23 BUDGET – MEETING WITH FINCOM

The FinCom meeting is on Thursday, February 17th at 7 PM.

MAY 2ND AND FEB 3RD TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting has been rescheduled to May 9th and May 10th. Warrant articles will still have the same due dates.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Board reviewed the Master Plan. They spoke of the artificial astro turf and how it is hotter than regular turf. There are no turf fields in town as of now. There are health issues with this and it is a long term project. No one regulates this and there are heavy metals in it. They also reviewed recycling and how the materials were in demand. They will have a conversation with the Town Administrator.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

Health Agent Gendron said that the Avian Flu was detected in animals as close as New Hampshire. The Animal Inspector, Lisa Forbes was very in touch with this situation. Lisa will be coming in front of the Board to discuss changing animal guidelines and permitting the animals.

Agent Gendron spoke of the clinics in Shirley on Wednesdays. The Covid cases are on the decline significantly. Some towns are unmasking and some are not. The numbers are trending down in a good way.

OLD BUSINESS

MHOA/MAHB Update

The Board discussed these organizations. They have been with MAHB and after discussion decided to stay with MAHB.

A Motion was made by Themelis to renew their membership to MAHB, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

MATTERS THAT MAY BE RAISED BY THE CHAIRPERSON DID NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATE

The proposed Food Lab committee would like to sit down with the Board to discuss this matter. They need to go through Zoning so that will take a while. The Board will sit down with them after this happens.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by D'Argento to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.