

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Margie LaFleur, Chairperson; Grover Pillsbury, Member
Absent – Phil Durno, Member

Staff

Kalene Gendron, Health Agent; Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant

Attendees

See attached attendance sheet

Mrs. LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and announced the meeting is being televised by Pepperell Community Media.

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1. **Working Session**

2. **Old Business**

a. **6:05PM - LAN Committee - Revised Noise Regulation Draft**

Margaret Scarsdale and several other members of the LAN committee are present at the meeting to present a revised draft of the proposed noise regulation, Ms. Scarsdale points out that a summary of changes were provided to the Board members and Health Agent. Ms. Gendron reviews her comments of the revised draft with Ms. Scarsdale and other present committee members. Discussion ensues amongst the committee and Board and ends with a few more requests of the BOH to be removed and/or modified to the draft regulations.

Ms. Scarsdale asks if the LAN committee can come back in with a final draft for the Board to review and Ms. Gendron suggests the meeting on the 17th of September and Ms. Scarsdale accepted that date.

b. **Fill Importation - Fee Schedule - Discussion & Vote if Necessary**

Tabled to September 17, 2019.

3. **Action Items**

a. **41 Cranberry Street - Upgrade Septic System**

Ms. Gendron recommends the Board to approve. Mr. Pillsbury motions to approve. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

4. **Health Agent Comments**

a. **Backyard Chickens**

b. **Mosquito Update**

Ms. Gendron and Ms. Montesanti have decided to create a new link on the webpage, Hot Topics, and these two items will be the first to be added. There has been an increasing request of information on the keeping of chickens on personal property as well as the latest on mosquitos.

5. **Walk-Ins**

6. **Correspondence**

7. **Matters That May Be Raised That the Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate**

Ms. LaFleur asks if Ms. Gendron has any enforcement on properties that may be town owned and are not being taken care of, Ms. LaFleur further explains that there are quite a few properties that are overgrown and can harbor animals or squatters and it seems that the BOH should be able to enforce these problems. Ms. Gendron explains that without formal complaints on a specific piece of property or properties, her hands are tied and there is no recourse.

8. **New Business**

a. **Presentation of Draft Plastic Bag Bylaw**

Mr. Duncan Premus introduced himself to the Board and thanks them for their time. He presents the draft plastic bag bylaw in which he is petitioning for adoption at Special Town Meeting. He explains that is imperative that Pepperell considers the adoption of this bylaw, the goal of the bylaw is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers. It will thereby reduce local land pollution, advancing solid waste reduction, protect the Town's unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources. Ms. Gendron asks about how many towns have adopted this type of bylaw and Mr. Premus responds that about 122, Mr. Pillsbury commends Mr. Premus's work on this. Ms. LaFleur thanks Mr. Premus for coming in to present the bylaw and looks forward to a positive outcome at Special Town Meeting.

9. **Bill Warrant**

a. **Approve bill warrant**

Mr. Pillsbury motions to approve bill warrant for WB Mason in the amount of \$213.70. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

10. **Future Meeting**

Mr. Pillsbury motions to adjourn meeting. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant to Board of Health.