

Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes

**Board Members**

Margie LaFleur, Chairperson; Grover Pillsbury, Member; 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. LAN Committee - Revised Noise Regulation Draft, Discussion & Vote if Necessary**

After acknowledging receiving a final draft of the noise regulation from the LAN committee, Ms. LaFleur reads a letter from Mrs. Malouin addressed to the Board. Ms. Montesanti explains the process of adoption of regulations of this type, a public hearing date must be established and duly noticed in a local paper, after the hearing is closed then the Board can motion to accept as written or accept with amendments (if any.) Upon that motion then they are sent off to the state for review and acceptance by them.

Mr. Durno thanks Ms. Malouin for her letter to the Board and acknowledges that he believes this regulation should be vetted by the townspeople as well. Mr. Pillsbury also thinks that the residents should have an opportunity to weigh in. Ms. Scarsdale explains to the Board that this regulation is also going to Town Meeting as a bylaw, a "belts and suspenders" type approach. If someone wants to challenge the bylaw or regulation, they have to go to both fronts. The LAN plans to do the regulation and the bylaw – they'll mirror each other.

Ms. Rossoff added that in addition to general strategy the process of this noise bylaw / regulation has been drafted from much thought and a lot of time, they have reached into the community and the consistent response has been to protect the rural setting and the peaceful character of the Town. Ms. Rossoff would like the BOH to at least vote to move forward with the processing and adopting of this regulation. She ensures the Board that the committee will continue to answer questions of the people, they have the support of the Police and Fire Departments, the support of the Town Administrator and looking forward to the article being on Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant.

Ms. LaFleur thanks the committee for their continued hard work and passion for the noise regulation / bylaw and appreciates that they have been very transparent. Conversation continued between the attendees of the meeting. Ms. Gendron reminds the Board that up to this point they have been supportive and worked collaboratively with the LAN committee and the noise regulation and that that is important to remember at this point in the decision process. Mr. Durno motions to send the regulation to DEP, Mr. Pillsbury seconds. All in favor. Ms. Montesanti clarified that the process is to public

hearing the regulation then it gets sent to the State, the Board concurs.

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

Ms. Montesanti presents to the Board a draft fee schedule for fill importation. The Board asks a few questions on the research of the amounts of the application fees and the permit fees. Ms. Gendron suggests changing the acreage amount so that not one value overlaps another, she further commends Ms. Montesanti on the draft. Mr. Pillsbury motions to adopt the fill importation fee schedule with changes suggested by Ms. Gendron. Mr. Durno seconds. All in favor.

3. **Action Items**

a. **88 South Road, Lot 2 - New Septic System Permit**

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

b. **88 South Road, Lot 3 - New Septic System Permit**

Ms. Gendron informs the Board this permit is not ready yet for approval.

c. **138 Townsend Street**

- Approval is sought to allow a reduction in the requisite groundwater offset from 4' to 3' with use of the Presby Enviro-Septic Waste Water Treatment System

- Upgrade Septic System

Ms. Gendron recommends the Board to approve. Mr. Pillsbury motions to approve the reduction in the requisite groundwater reduction as well as the upgrade of the system. Mr. Durno seconds. All in favor.

4. **New Business**

5. **Walk-Ins**

6. **Correspondence**

Ms. Montesanti announces the flu clinics and also that all the information is available on the Town webpage. Ms. LaFleur adds that the Health Fair will be at the Senior Center on October 10.

7. **Health Agent Comments**

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

Mr. Durno asks that Ms. Montesanti add some information to the webpage about vaping and all the health risks that are coming out in the news currently.

9. **Future Meeting**

- a. **10/1/19**

Mr. Durno motions to adjourn meeting. Mr. Pillsbury seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

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