

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held virtually, via zoom.

Present at the meeting were:

Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair
Candice Greene, Clerk
Robert Valery, Health Agent
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary

Also attended via zoom: Ashley DiSesa, Bob Ross, and Cesar Calouro.

The Board of Health opened at 6:29pm.

1. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Ratify Agents Approval:

i. 179 Elm Street

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's approval for 179 Elm Street.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

ii. 03 & 07 Beechwood Road – Waiting on revisions from Shayne McGlone
1. Carry over until revisions are received.

iii. 127 Beechwood Road – Waiting on revisions from Shayne McGlone
1. Carry over until revisions are received.

iv. 51 Paradise Lane – Waiting on revisions from Will Connelly of Zenith
1. Carry over until revisions are received.

v. 122 Monponsett Street – Out for review with Bob Buker
1. Carry over until revisions are received.

2. Bring to Boards Attention:

a. Board Members need to sign a State Ethics Signature Sheet. (See Bring to Boards Attention Folder)

i. The Board discussed the deadlines for completing Ethics training, along with the acknowledgement sheet. Cesar, head of IT informed The Board that the signature of acknowledgement is annual, but the training is every two years. The Board will sign and complete when possible.

3. Discussion Items:

a. Agent Report:

i. COVID Update

1. Health Agent updated The Board that there has not been any significant increase in COVID cases. The Board and Health Department are doing

what is best for the health and safety for the town, and he does not see a need to deviate from the current actions regarding COVID, we will stay the course.

2. Co-Chair Pamela Engstrom asked about the State funded COVID tests.
 - a. Agent responded that there has been a recent Government orders that will supply U.S. residents with 4 Rapid COVID tests per household. In around 5 minutes or less, the public may order their rapid tests.
 - b. Last meeting, The Board discussed Agent sending a letter to The Select Board to use ARPA funds for rapid testing kits for the town. Although there are funds to complete that request, Agent and Board discussed reanalyzing the following questions regarding the request: *How many would be needed? When would we get them? Is it a necessity?* With the new Free test availability from the government, it makes the rapid test situation less dire as there are more available.
3. Clerk Candice Greene asked about The School receiving any of the originally requested tests.
 - a. Agent Stated that the school can receive test kits, separately.
 - b. The Board and Agent discussed requesting funding for some tests, for circumstances that may arise.
4. Agent updated that he is working with the Town Administrator Ed Thorne to work on potential options and recommendations for Department Heads to inform their staff on COVID protocols, as well as a means of reimbursement for COVID related absence. Direct guidelines may be inconsistent in some situations because there are so many variables. As always, he recommends following State Guidance and to stay home if you are sick.

ii. MS4

1. Agent updated The Board that The Conservation Commission has had better communication regarding MS4. The Town Administrator is working on a budget. A point that was brought to The Board of Health's Attention: The Town by-law on sludge would be permitted by Conservation Commission. We can assist where necessary. If sludge is used correctly, it can be a great way to recycle in the environment, and if not, it can be very harmful. Conservation Commission has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, January 25th.

4. **Affirm Bills Paid:** - Board Affirmed.

- a. **Payroll for the Week Ending January 15, 2022** (*Chairman signed 01/11/22*)
 - i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
 - ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
 - iii. Kelly Dwyer, Secretary
 - iv. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector

A Motion was made to affirm bills paid.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

5. The Following to be signed: - Board Signed.

a. December 15, 2021, Approved Permits: *(With condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office)*

b. Meeting Minutes:

i. December 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes

ii. January 05, 2022, Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made to approve meeting minutes for December 15, 2021 and January 05, 2022.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 22-09 – Board Signed.

i. Robert Valery - Postage Reimbursement - \$4.33

ii. Robert Valery – Clothing Reimbursement - \$115.45

iii. NEHA – Annual Membership - \$100.00

d. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 22-11 – Board Signed.

i. Webby Engineering – Invoice# - Plan Review – 179 Elm Street - \$85.00.

ii. Spath Engineering – Invoice# - Plan Review – 51 Paradise Lane - \$85.00.

iii. Buker & Sons: Invoice# 01052022

1. Plan Review – 20 Buttonwood Street - \$85.00.

2. Plan Review – 327 Wood Street - \$85.00.

e. Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 22-02 – Board Signed.

i. Tighe & Bond – Invoice# 122194126 - Landfill Monitoring – For Professional Services Rendered Through 11/27/21 - \$6,625.00.

f. iPad Gift Account# 26-514-4830-02 – FY 22-02 – Board Signed.

i. AT & T Mobile – Cell/iPad Usage & Contract for 2021/2022- \$40.23.

g. Permits: *(With condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office) - Board Signed.*

i. Cumberland Farms – 2022 Food Establishment, Retail Food & Nicotine Sales Permit.

ii. Fieldstone Show Park – 2022 Large Outdoor Event Permit.

iii. Halifax Elementary School – 2022 Non-Profit Food Permit.

iv. Halifax Market & Deli – 2022 Food Establishment, Retail Food & Nicotine Sales Permit.

v. Lakeside Villa – 2022 Food Establishment Permit.

vi. 550 Tavern – 2022 Food Establishment Permit.

vii. Pope's Tavern/Halifax COA – 2022 Non-Profit Food Permit.

viii. Subway – 2022 Food Establishment & Retail Food Permit.

- ix. Ratify Agents Approval for Stop & Shop Market – 2022 Food Establishment & Retail Food Permit.
- x. 574 Monponsett Street – 2022 Drilling Permit for Drinking Well.
- xi. ABC Disposal Service – 2022 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- xii. Republic Services – 2022 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- xiii. Sandy Paws Holding, Inc. dba Nauset Disposal – 2022 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- xiv. United hauling, Inc. – 2022 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- xv. Bolduc Sanitation & Excavation, Inc. – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xvi. Earle F. Simmons Co., Inc. – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xvii. Fred E. Nava & Son – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xviii. Hocomock Environmental, Inc. – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xix. Liquid Environmental Solutions – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xx. McGonagle Septic Services – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxi. Wind River Environmental – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxii. Avery's Pumping Services – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxiii. DRK Mobile Toilets & Septic Pumping – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxiv. Flowmaster Corp. – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxv. Clean Portable Restrooms – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxvi. Baystate Sewage Disposal, Inc. – 2022 Septage Hauler's Permit.
- xxvii. Bolduc Sanitation & Excavation, Inc. – Jay Bolduc – 2022 Septic Installer's Permit.
- xxviii. Reliable Excavations – Michael Wilson – 2022 Septic Installer's Permit.
- xxix. Joseph F. Kehoe Contracting – Joe Kehoe – 2022 Septic Installer's Permit.
- xxx. Clearwater Recovery – Stephen B. Nelson – 2022 Soil Evaluator's Permit.
- xxxi. Fred E. Nava & Son – Christopher Drown – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.
- xxxii. Heritage Pumping – Robert Brenton – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.
- xxxiii. Heritage Pumping – Steven MacFaun – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.
- xxxiv. Heritage Pumping – Tyler Brenton – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.
- xxxv. Clearwater Recovery – Stephen B. Nelson – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.

A Motion was made to approve permits i-xxxv.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

h. Mail Folder:

i. Board of Health: [Board Read.](#)

1. Letter to Select Board requesting consideration to utilize AARP funds to purchase Rapid Home Tests for distribution to town residents.
2. Guidance for retail tobacco stores.

ii. Board of Selectmen: [Board Read.](#)

1. 25 "A" Street – Building permit renewal for temporary trailer.

Adjournment

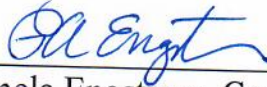
A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

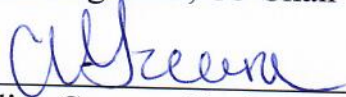
Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk