

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 01, 2023**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town Hall.

Present at the meeting were:

Steven A. MacFaun, Chairman
Candice Greene, Clerk
Robert Valery, Health Agent
Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant

The Board of Health opened at 6:35pm. Chairman MacFaun announced that the meeting was being recorded by Area58.

1. On 01/26/23 it was brought to the attention of the Board of Health that an Open Meeting Law Violation/Complaint was filed by Mr. Patrick Higgins on 12/27/2022 that the Chairman did not announce that the meeting was being recorded, as required by Section 20 (f) of the Open Meeting Law.
 - a. Chairman MacFaun read the Open Meeting Law Violation/Complaint statement and acknowledged that in an attempt to learn and comply with the open meeting law, the Board of Health, staff, and Board Members, will attend an open meeting law training webinar as soon as possible. The schedule can be viewed at www.mass.gov/service-details/open-meeting-law-trainings

2. Discussion Item:

a. 381 Holmes Street:

- i. Homeowner requesting Boards approval for a betterment Loan through the Town, due to financial hardship.
 1. The Agent updated the Board of the owner's request for a Betterment Loan and stated much like what we had at Palmer Mill Road, definite septic failure. The owner went through other areas to finance the loan and decided we'd be the best option for him, and we do have the money within the betterment loan grant. The Chairman asked for any discussion and with none asked for a motion.

A Motion was made to approve the use of the betterment loan due to the owner's financial hardship. The Board signed the Betterment Loan Form "A," Application.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Chairman MacFaun announced that the Administrative Assistant notarized the for allowing 381 Holmes Street to move forward with the septic loan process.

Administrative Assistant notarized the Betterment Loan Form "A," Application.

3. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Ratify Agents Approval:

i. 381 Holmes Street

1. Chairman MacFaun asked if everything was in order with the septic plan. The Agent replied it was, but because of the betterment loan request he need the Boards approval on that before the septic plan itself could be approved. Chairman MacFaun asked who did the plan. Agent Valery opened the plan and replied, Collins Engineering. Chairman MacFaun reviewed the plan.
2. The Agent commented that the system fits in perfectly. When on site they usually do 2 perc test holes, but we ended up digging 4, because they couldn't locate the previous system on the property. So, at the time of excavation, and it's stated on the plan, in the event that they find the old system, they may have to remove and replace more material than not. Chairman MacFaun asked if the funding was there in case that occurs. Agent Valery stated yes, it would still fit into the budget for replacing the system. Chairman MacFaun asked, out of curiosity, would this deplete the account for this particular betterment loan. The Administrative Assistant replied, there will be very little left after this loan, but as this and other betterment loans previously approved are paid back to the town, the monies will build up again for future betterment loans. Agent Valery commented that outside resources usually have lower loan rates than what our town loan rate is, but in this fluctuating market, you don't know what kind of loan you are going to get. Clerk Greene commented that in her year and a half here, she doesn't believe she has seen one of these loans until the last 2 weeks. Chairman MacFaun commented that it's a lot easier, someone might not have the best credit profile or something like that, none of that is looked at, we just approve the loan. Neither one of us is a banker, it is definitely a much easier process. Agent Valery replied however, a lien will be filed against your home/property if the loan goes into default. Chairman MacFaun asked for a motion to approve.

A Motion was made to ratify the Agent's approval of the septic plan.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

4. Discussion Items: *Continued*

a. Lindy's General Store: Full Compliance.

- i. Chairman MacFaun stated he stopped by the establishment Friday evening. The sign was posted on the door and they were in compliance. Chairman MacFaun stated he stayed outside for a few minutes before

going in and everything was on the up and up. Chairman MacFaun stated he would like to thank Lindy's for their full compliance. Agent Valery said yes, they were in full compliance. He stopped in on the Thursday before the no tobacco/nicotine sale, the Clerk pretty much knew everything that had to be done and just wanted to reassure that he pulled everything the Board of Health required them to. He also stopped in at 6:45 Friday morning, signs were posted, everything was in full compliance. The State representative Kathleen Mahoney also stopped in and they were in total compliance. They paid their fine and did everything they needed to do. Agent Valery believes we will be better off as a town and society by the actions we are taking.

b. Monponsett Ponds & Beaches: Webpage updated to easier find pond levels and beach water updates.

i. Chairman MacFaun asked if the Agent would be updating the page every week. Agent Valery replied, it would be on an as needed basis. Basically what the Board of Health did was take the information that was on the bottom of the page and put it on the top of the page. The town has seen that water levels are growing and we wanted to let them know that there are valuable resources available, whether it's summer time and you are going to the beach and you want to know about the cyanobacteria or the beach testing results or to find out about water levels, if Brockton is drawing water, not drawing water or diverting water, whatever word you want to use. It affects not only our community, but everything down stream. It's a careful process, well managed by various regulatory agencies besides just us in Halifax.

5. Affirm Any Bills Paid:

a. Payroll for the Week Ending January 28, 2023

- i. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
- ii. Patricia Sanda, Secretary
- iii. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector
- iv. Robert Buker, Shared Services Coordinator

A Motion was made to affirm Payroll for the Week Ending January 28, 2023.

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

6. The Following to be signed:

a. January 18, 2023 "Approved" Permits sheet - Board Member needs to sign.

Chairman MacFaun signed.

b. Payroll for the Week Ending February 11, 2023

- i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
- ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
- iii. Patricia Sanda, Secretary
- iv. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector

v. Robert Valery, Host PHE Grant

vi. Robert Buker, Shared Services Coordinator PHE Grant

A Motion was made to approve Payroll for the Week Ending February 11, 2023

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

c. Meeting Minutes:

i. January 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made to approve January 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

d. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 23-10

i. Robert Valery – Clothing Reimbursement – Rain Coat – Order# 63178726 – \$104.30.

A Motion was made to approve Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 23-10

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

e. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 23-13

i. John DeLano – Invoice# 012423 – Plan Review – 46 Harvard Street – \$85.00.

ii. Webby Engineering Invoice# 012426 – Plan Review – 381 Holmes Street – \$85.00.

A Motion was made to approve Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 23-13

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

f. Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 23-02

i. Tighe & Bond – Invoice# 101993135 - Landfill Monitoring – For Professional Services Rendered Through 01/01/23 - \$850.00.

A Motion was made to approve Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 23-02

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

g. iPad Gift Account# 26-514-4830-02 – FY 23-07

i. AT & T Mobile – Cell/iPad Usage & Contract for January 2023.

1. Cell Phone Usage & Contract \$40.23.

2. iPad Usage & Contract - \$13.11.

A Motion was made to approve iPad Gift Account# 26-514-4830-02 – FY 23-07

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

h. DHCD Expenditure 28-507-5784 – FY 23-04

i. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds – 381 Holmes Street – Recording of Betterment Loan Form “A,” Application.

i. A Motion was made to approve DHCD Expenditure 28-507-5784 – FY 23-04

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

j. Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-08

i. ALSCO Food Check:

1. 01/11/23 – E. Bridgewater Inspections:

- a. Country Café – \$75.00
- b. Country Convenience – \$75.00
- c. One Stop Food Mart – \$75.00
- d. Skinner’s Sugar House – \$75.00
- e. Satucket Pizza – \$75.00
- f. Tatami – \$75.00
- g. 1 Hour Extra – \$35.00

2. 01/12/23 – Raynham Inspections:

- a. SLAP SHOTZ – \$75.00
- b. La Casa Mia – \$75.00
- c. Pizzaiolo Italian Eatery – \$75.00
- d. Seafood and Cones – \$75.00
- e. 2 Hours Extra – 2@\$35.00 = \$70.00
- i. Total: \$855.00

3. 01/28/23 – Middleboro Inspections:

- a. Tikki Buddha – \$75.00
- b. Stoney’s – \$75.00

4. 01/28/23 – Raynham Inspections:

- a. Our Mom’s Place – \$75.00
- b. Cape Cod Café – \$75.00
- c. 2 Jerks BBQ – \$75.00
- d. Moooberry Yogurt – \$75.00
- e. Slap Shotz – \$75.00
- f. La Casa Mia – \$75.00

5. 01/28/23 – E. Bridgewater Inspections:

- a. Skinner’s Sugar House – \$75.00
- b. Viking Pizza – \$75.00
- c. Old Country Pizzeria – \$75.00
- d. Satucket Pizza – \$75.00

- e. Tatami – \$75.00
- f. East Bridgewater Pictures – \$75.00
- g. 1 Hour Extra – \$35.00

A Motion was made to approve Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-08

Motion: Candice Green
Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

ii. Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-09

- 1. Harding Print & Digital Copy Center: Invoice# 64223 – 250 Business Cards for Shared Service Coordinator Robert Buker - \$59.60.

A Motion was made to approve Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-09

Motion: Candice Green
Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

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

- i. Scott Clawson – Fieldstone Show Park – 2023 Large Outdoor Event Permit
- ii. Republic Services – 2023 Rubbish Hauler's Permit
- iii. E.O.M.S. Recycling – 2023 Rubbish Hauler's Permit
- iv. United Site Services Northeast, Inc – 2023 Septage Hauler's Permit
- v. Fred Swain – Wind River Environmental – 2023 Septic Installer's Permit
- vi. Nicolas Geneseo – Wind River Environmental – 2023 Septic Installer's Permit
- vii. Michael DeCosta – Wind River Environmental – 2023 Septic Installer's Permit
- viii. Peter L. Mainini – Blackrock Utility, LLC – 2023 Septic Installer's Permit

A Motion was made to approve permits i through vii with condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office

Motion: Candice Green
Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

i. Mail Folder: *All Correspondence is emailed to the Board individually.*

ii. Conservation Commission:

1. 0 & 314 Plymouth Street – Notice of Public Hearing – To construct a commercial building for self-storage with parking and associated grading. *(Emailed 01/23/23)*

iii. Planning Board:

1. 0 & 314 Plymouth Street: Site Plan & Distribution Memo *(Emailed 01/30/23)*
2. 0 & 592 Plymouth Street: Revised Site Plan – Grading & Drainage *(Emailed 01/30/23)*

iv. Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. 172 Monponsett Street – Notice of Public Hearing – Special Permit to construct an addition to an existing building located at 172 Monponsett Street. The applicant is seeking a special permit to construct a 30 x 45-foot barn. *(Emailed 01/23/23)*
2. 359 Plymouth Street – Notice of Public Hearing – To develop a proposed site for contractor storage and office space. *(Emailed 01/24/23)*

Adjournment

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

Motion: Candice Green

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed and respectfully submitted 02/15/23 by:

Peggy Selter, Administrative Assistant



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair

Candice Greene, Clerk