

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town Hall in The Selectmen Meeting room and virtually, via zoom.

Present at the meeting were:

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

Also present at the meeting: Tony Ma (zoom), Cesar Calouro, and Area58 Staff.

A Motion was made to open The Board of Health meeting at 6:30pm.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

1. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Requiring Local Upgrades & Variances: (but otherwise recommended for approval):

i. 1 Parsons Lane

- 1.** Per engineer, there are no property line setback issues. (*See Abutters Notification in Folder*)
 - a.** Engineer is requesting a Local Variance, Section 1.06(10) for Monolithic Septic Tank requirement. The system was grandfathered for a single tank or (2 tanks in series) to service multi-family units and this system requires a 10,500-gallon tank. Manufactures only made monolithic concrete tank up to 2,500 gallons. Hence, the variance is required.
- 2.** Engineer is also requesting a Title 5 wavier
 - a.** For the maximum cover over the concrete tank. 310 CMR 15.002 (7) requires tanks shall be installed no more than 36" below finish grade, the proposed tank will be 4.3'+/- (51.6"+/-) below the finish grade to avoid additional tree clearing and re-grading the wooded area.
- 3.** Engineer is proposed to remove the non-functional FAST system.
 - a.** Per engineer, based on the most current regulations and MassGIS/MassMapper Data, this site is outside the Zone II area. Therefore, FAST system is not required per regulations.

- i. Engineer wants to make sure the Board approves their proposal before they send the project out to bid.
 1. Tony Ma was present for the meeting via zoom to explain the upgrades and variances as well as answer any questions.

A Motion was made to approve 1 Parsons Lane with local upgrades & variances 1-3.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

b. Re-Approve: (*As-Is with No Changes*)

- i. 202 Franklin Street

A Motion was made to re-approve 202 Franklin Street.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

2. Bring to Boards Attention:

a. Board Vote:

- i. Vote to approve Brian Kling as the Inspector of Animals for Halifax.

A Motion was made to approve Brian Kling as the Inspector of Animals for Halifax.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

3. Discussion Items:

a. Summer Safety (*Candice Greene, Clerk*)

- i. Clerk, Candice Greene asked to have this added to the Agenda in order to discuss the Board of Health having a table at the upcoming Beautification Committee Vendor Event on April 2nd, 2022. This would get the Board of Health out into the community and spread awareness especially as the warmer months approach us. Mosquitoes, water safety, ticks, sun safety are some of the concerns to prepare for, and prevention is the best medicine. The Board discussed potential raffles, baskets, and informational pamphlets for the table.
- ii. Health Agent Bob Valery expressed immense gratitude for Candice as she is an incredible asset to The Board of Health. As a medical professional and a Board member she continues to offer excellent feedback and presents ideas that make a positive impact on the community and human health.

b. Agent Report:

i. Stump Brook Monponsett Beaver Issue.

1. Health Agent updated the board that there has been a significant increase in the beaver population, particularly around the Burrage Pond area which is owned by Halifax and Hanson. A major concern is that the dams are backing up the water supply. Changes in the water supply, flows and levels has created a problem for the herring, and has the potential to create a rise in issues such as cyanobacteria and mosquitoes. Agent is working with The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Department of Environmental Protection, The Town of Hanson, and Conservation Commission to resolve this issue. Currently, The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has eradicated the beavers deemed necessary. The next step is to break down the beaver dams which would require Brockton to open their dam for water flow. Agent updated that both Hanson and Halifax board of Health can issue an emergency permit for Brockton to open their dam accordingly. Agent has the orders of condition and has completed a walk through with Selectman Gordon Andrews. This topic may be controversial, and The Health Agent encourages people to take personal opinions out of these issues, and focus on rules, regulations, and the best possible outcome for health and the environment.

ii. First Wellness Clinic was 03/08/22. Future clinics will be held in the kitchen area from 9am-10am on the first Tuesday of every month.

1. Secretary provided Board Members with a Wellness Clinic Schedule.
2. Laurie Montuori has joined the Board of Health staff and already ran a health clinic. She looks forward to MAVEN training and working with the Board of Health.

iii. COVID-19.

1. Agent updated that the numbers are good, however the pandemic is not over and to use caution. The case numbers are good and Agent recommended staying the course and continuing to use proper health protocols while staying kind and respectful.

4. Affirm Any Bills Paid: (*Chair Signed*)

a. Payroll for the Week Ending March 12, 2022

- 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 payroll for the week ending March 12, 2022.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

5. The Following to be signed: Board Signed Items a-c.

a. Meeting Minutes:

- i. March 02, 2022, Meeting Minutes

b. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 22-

- i. Halifax Postmaster – Roll of Stamps - \$58.00.

c. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 22-

- i. Buker & Sons – Invoice# - Plan Review – 1 Parsons Lane - \$170.00.

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

- i. 431 Thompson Street – Drilling Permit 2022 – West End Drilling.
- ii. Mr. Perfection Inc, DBA Loco Larry's Taco's - 2022 Seasonal Mobile Food Truck Permit.
- iii. Stephen Burt, Burt's Ice Cream Truck – 2022 Ice Cream Truck Permit.
- iv. Mike Wood – Black Brook General Contracting – 2022 Diseased Installer's Permit.
- v. Joseph Webby, Webby Engineering – 2022 Soil Evaluator's Permit.
- vi. Mark Nardone, Bridge Home & Septic – 2022 Title V Inspector's Permit.

A Motion was made to approve permits i-vi.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

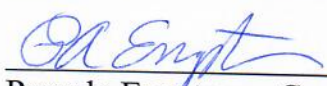
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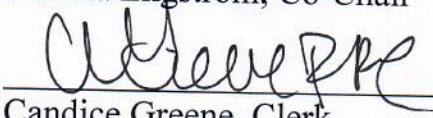
Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk