

# Halifax Board of Health Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 17, 2023

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town Hall. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5gpTp-w6y4>

## **Present at the meeting were:**

Candice Greene, Chair  
Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair  
David Hatch, Clerk  
Robert Valery, Health Agent

The chair announced that the meeting was being recorded by Area58 and could be viewed on YouTube.

Motion to open the Board of Health meeting at 6:35pm.

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

## Recognize New Board Member:

- Dave Hatch

The Board and Agent recognized and welcomed new Board Member David Hatch. They appreciate his desire to serve the community. The Agent went over the Board of Health's simple rules of how the Board of Health operates. Serving on the Board of Health requires remaining fair, firm, and consistent on all of our decisions. The Board of Health follows the laws, the regulations and the guidance's that we have from either the Town, the State, or the Federal Government. The Board handles Local Public Health from A-Z. Being new to the Board, the State Ethics Training is required and Clerk Hatch will submit the Conflict of Interest signature page and the State Ethics certificate once completed.

## Reorganization of the Board:

- Chair – Candice Greene
- Co-Chair – Pamela Engstrom
- Clerk – David Hatch

**MOTION** was made to Reorganize the Board and nominate Candice Greene as Chair, Pamela Engstrom as Co-Chair and David Hatch as Clerk. Pamela Engstrom

**SECOND:** Candice Greens

**All in favor (3-0)**

## **1. Disposal Works Permits:**



- a. 46 Ridge Road: Ratify Agent's Approval.
  - i. Agent reviewed the plan with the Board and updated new member David Hatch on the "Ratify Agent's Approval" process.
- b. 78 Franklin Street: Ratify Agent's Approval.
- c. 434 Thompson Street: Ratify Agent's Approval.

Motion to Ratify the Agent's approval for Disposal Works Permits a-c as listed.

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

## 2. **Discussion Items:**

- a. Halifax Landfill – Michael Martin, Tighe & Bond Email
  - i. Mr. Martin spoke with MassDEP at the end of April, and they let him know that the Halifax Landfill is one of the landfills where they will be requiring PFAS testing, due to its proximity to Zone IIs. The exact timing of this is unknown, but it this will result in a cost premium, beyond the fee provided in our recent proposal. They are obtaining pricing from labs and will provide an update.
  - ii. Also, Tighe & Bond plan on conducting a site visit on Wednesday, May 17 to check the status of the erosion at the site, they previously identified.
    - 1. The Agent updated the Board that the Halifax Landfill is one of the landfills where they will be requiring PFAS testing, and the costs for pricing from the labs and that Tighe & Bond did a site visit on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

## b. **Agent Report:**

- i. Open Meeting Law Complaint: 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.
  - 1. On 01/26/23 Health Agent Valery responded to Mr. Higgins, the Attorney General's Office, the Town Administrator and Board of Health Chair MacFaun.
  - 2. On 04/10/23 Mr. Higgins requested further review.
  - 3. On 05/15/23 the Board of Health received the informal action determination from the Attorney General's Office stating "The Board violated the Open Meeting Law by failing to announce that the meeting was being recorded. They order immediate and future compliance with the law's requirements, and caution that similar future violations could be considered evidence of intent to violate the law.



- a. The Agent updated the Board on the status of the Open Meeting Law Violation/Complaint filed by Mr. Patrick Higgins on 12/27/2022. The Board will continue to announce that the meeting was being recorded by Area58 and could be viewed on YouTube.
- ii. Halifax Market: Update
  - 1. The Agent updated the Board that he will be inviting Halifax Market to the Board of Health's 06/07/23 meeting to discuss the violations and tobacco compliance.
- iii. Halifax Meadows: Pool Opening
  - 1. The Agent updated the Board of the pool opening at Halifax Meadows/Lydon Lane.
- iv. 471 Monponsett Street: Fire at residence
  - 1. The Agent updated the Board on the fire at 471 Monponsett Street and that residence would like to help the resident with clean-up if he is interested.

**3. Affirm Any Bills Paid:**

- a. **Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-16**

- i. NEHA – Health Agent, Robert Valery – RS Retake Exam

**Motion to affirm Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23-16.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

**4. The Following to be approved, signed and/or voted on:**

- a. **Payroll for the Week Ending May 20, 2023**

- i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
- ii. Robert Buker, Shared Services Coordinator – (*Public Excellence Grant*)
- iii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
- iv. Patricia Sanda, Secretary
- v. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector

**Motion to approve Payroll i-v for the Week Ending May 20, 2023.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

- b. **Meeting Minutes:**

- i. April 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- ii. May 03, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve Meeting Minutes I & ii as listed.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

**c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 23.**

- i. WB Mason – Invoice# 238209552 – Black Toner – \$96.89

**Motion to approve Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 23 i as listed.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

**d. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 23.**

- i. Webby Engineering – 163 Plymouth Street – Plan Review – \$85.00.

- ii. John DeLano – 22 Holmes Street – Plan Review – \$85.00.

**Motion to approve Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 23 as listed.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

**e. Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 23.**

- i. Statement Covers Nursing Service Period: May 2023 – \$583.33

**Motion to approve Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 23 #1 as listed.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

**f. Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23.**

**i. Robert Buker – Reimbursement**

1. Tractor Supply – Ticket# 762915 – Work Boots for Site Inspections – 109.99

2. NEIWPCC – Soil Evaluator Annual Renewal – \$75.00

3. NEIWPCC – Title V Inspector Annual Renewal – \$75.00

**Motion to approve Public Health Excellence Grant Account# 25-516-5430-189 – FY 23, (i) 1-3 as listed.**

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

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

- i. 435 Thompson Street – Irrigation Well Permit – West End Drilling

- ii. 38 Orchard Circle – Irrigation Well Permit – West End Drilling



- iii. Halifax Pride (*Event Date: 06/17/23*) – 2023 Large Outdoor Event Permit
- iv. Connecting Rods (*Walmart Car Show every Friday night from 05/05/20 through 10/27/23*) – 2023 Large Outdoor Event Permit
- v. Halifax Fireworks (*Event Date: 07/01/23*) – 2023 Large Outdoor Event Permit
- vi. Mary Lou's News, Inc. – 2023 Food Establishment Permit
- vii. South Shore Taco Guy – 2023 Mobile Food Permit Single Event
- viii. Steven King – 2023 Residential Kitchen Permit
- ix. Teddy's Hot Dawg's – 2023 Seasonal Mobile Food Permit
- x. Preston Adams – P.F Adams Construction Corp. – 2023 Septic Installer's Permit
- xi. Tom Snell – Tom Snell Construction & Excavating – 2023 Title V Inspector's Permit
- xii. Timothy Reed – 2023 Title V Inspector's Permit

**Motion to approve Permits:** (*With condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office*) i - xii

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

### **Adjournment**

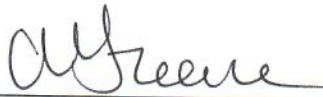
A Motion was made to adjourn the Halifax Board of Health meeting at 6:55pm

**Motion:** Pamela Engstrom

**Second:** Candice Greene

**All in Favor:** 3-0

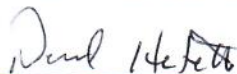
Respectfully typed and submitted by,  
Peggy Selter, Administrative Assistant



Candice Greene, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



David Hatch, Clerk