

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

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

Present at the meeting were:

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

The Board of Health opened at 6:30pm.

Also Present: Cleddir Ferreira, Attorney Reservitz, Christopher Winiewicz, and Kimberly King-Cavicchi. Area58 was present to record the meeting, now available on YouTube.

1. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Ratify Agents Approval:

- i. 48 Elm Street
- ii. Bldg# 37 Twin Lakes Drive

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval for Disposal Works Permits i-ii.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

2. Bring to Boards Attention:

- a. Vote to approve clerical change 07/07/2021 Meeting Minutes from opening meeting time at 6:01pm to opening meeting time at 6:31pm.

A Motion was made approve clerical change to the 07/07/2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

3. Discussion Items:

- a. 450 Industrial Park Drive – Cled's Tree Cled's Tree (Carried-Over from 08/04/21, per Attorney Reservitz, Counsel for Cled's)

Cled & Attorney Reservitz were present for the meeting.

- i. Questions asked at the 08/04/21 meeting by the Board regarding the issues on the property are listed below as part of tonight's discussion. These questions were sent to Attorney Reservitz and Cled's Tree on 08/10/21.

- 1. What is the status of the Fire Departments Compliance letter?

- a. Attorney Reservitz stated that Cled's was not fully in compliance with the Fire Chief's Plan, however, is making great progress. He brought photos to show The Board the improvements.
2. If not in compliance, when do you expect compliance to be achieved?
 - a. Reservitz stated that they have nearly completed the Fire Department's requirements but want The Board to recognize the progress along with the high prices for the materials needed to come into compliance.
3. The Board of Health suggests that Cled's check with the Zoning Board of Appeals to decipher if the equipment being used, such as a tub grinder, is categorized as "light industrial use".
 - a. Reservitz explained that there is only a short list defined by light industrial use. He noted that this is an industrial park, and many of the nearby homes are zoned half residential and half industrial.
4. The Board asks that Cled's send The Board of Health specifications on the piece of equipment named "grinder" on his plan. This includes make, model, year, size, and so on.
 - a. Cled Ferreira and his Attorney did not provide any specific information on the make and model information for the grinder. It was stated that the main reason the grinder was purchased was to clean up the yard to come into compliance with the Fire Chief's orders. Attorney Reservitz added that Cled has not used the tub grinder since approximately April of 2021.
5. Have you investigated any forms of soundproofing, such as walls, baffles, mufflers etc.?
 - a. Attorney Reservitz explained to The Board that Ferreira introduced the idea to use mesh around the site and projects to muffle the sound.
6. What are the anticipation hours of operation that stump grinding, and sawing takes place?
 - a. Ferreira stated that he operates his business based on workload, but never beyond the scope of typical business hours, 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday.
- ii. There was much discussion between The Board, Agent, Mr. Ferreira, Attorney Reservitz, and Mr. Winiewicz. Agent will move forward with starting the process of investigating based on code (310 CMR 7.10 Noise Pollution) with the guidance of The Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Ferreira and his Attorney will return for The Board of Health meeting on September 15th, 2021.

b. Admin Report:

- i. Administrative Assistant is working on Innovative Alternative (I/A)/Secondary systems that require an Operations and Monitoring (O&M) contract.

- 1. Agent updated The Board that a full list of the properties that require contracts is provided for their review. The Administrative Assistant has worked diligently to send out letters to all owners on that list and awaits their responses. Agent has enforcement power to ensure the residences come into compliance.

c. Agent Report:

i. COVID:

- 1. 6.47 Two (2) Week Run Rate.

- a. Agent and Board discussed the constant monitoring of COVID-19. The Board and Agent discussed mask wearing, and the expectations moving forward. The Board discussed the evolving state of the virus and having realistic expectations as it will not be going away any time soon. The Board discussed that masks are recommended however not required as they continue to follow State Guidance.

- i. Agent added that although there are many different opinions on masks during the pandemic, personal hygiene is crucially important, along with being responsible and kind as we get through this pandemic.

2.

- a. Health Agent and Board discussed the necessity to have a nurse on their team during this time for wellness clinics, education, symptom tracking, contact tracing, and more.
 - i. Agent has not received a response from the contracted nurse in many weeks. The Board and Agent find it reasonable to require a response, or her presence at the next meeting to discuss the contract moving forward.

4. Vote to Affirm Bills Paid:

a. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 22-01

- i. NEHA - Health Agent - Registered Environmental Exam - \$390.00.

b. Payroll for the Week Ending August 14, 2021

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

A Motion was made affirm bills paid.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

5. The Following to be signed: Board Signed.

- a. Payroll for the Week Ending August 28, 2021**
 - i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
 - ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
 - iii. Kelly Dwyer, Secretary
 - iv. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector
- b. Meeting Minutes: Board Signed.**
 - i. August 04, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 22-03 Board Signed.**
 - i. W.B. Mason:
 - 1. Invoice# 222075639
 - a. Four (4) Pack Color Ink - \$349.69
 - b. Two (2) Toner - \$172.69
 - 2. Invoice# 222037277
 - a. Two (2) Packs Guide Tabs - \$89.26
 - 3. Invoice# 222270836
 - a. Four (4) Packs Flag Post-Its - \$10.48
- d. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 22-02 Board Signed.**
 - i. Spath Engineering – Invoice# 081321-743- Plan Review – 48 Elm Street - \$85.00.
 - ii. John W. Delano.
 - 1. Invoice# - Plan Review – Bldg# 37 Twin Lakes Drive - \$85.00.
- e. DHCD Expenditure 28-507-5784 – FY 22-01 Board Signed.**
 - i. Shayne McGlone, McGlone Enterprises – Invoice# 08092021 - 63 Palmer Mill Road - Engineer Septic Design - \$1,500.00.

Adjournment


A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:39p.m.

Motion: Steven MacFaun

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion


Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk