

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

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

Present at the meeting were:

John L. Weber, Chairman
Alan J. Dias, Co-Chairman
Steven A. MacFaun, Clerk
Robert Valery, Health Agent
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary

The Board of Health opened at 6:30pm.

Matt Grosschedl representing Outback Engineering, Joanne Andrews, Ashley DiSesa, Cleddir Ferreira and his lawyer Scott Rubin, and one other un-named person in attendance.

1. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Recommended for approval:

- i. 158 Elm Street: Revisions submitted 01/07/21.

A Motion was made to approve plan.

Motion: Alan Dias
Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

- ii. 39 Hillside Avenue (*If revisions are not received, carry-over to 02/03/21 meeting.*)

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

- i. 18 River Street – As is with no changes.

1. Alan Dias recommends not approving the plan as it does not have a locus. Carry-over to next meeting.

2. Bring to Boards Attention:

a. 163 Plymouth Street

- i. A hearing is scheduled for 02/03/21 at 6:30pm regarding the condemnation/vacating/securing of the property.

1. The Board discussed requesting the presence of Town Council for the hearing.

2. Health Agent updates The Board that there have been 10 fines mailed so far, with no correspondence from the involved parties.
- ii. Notice of Public Hearing ads run in the Express Newspapers 01/15/21 and 01/22/21.
 1. The Board suggested a site visit to the property with the Health Agent to check on the condition of the roof.
- b. 161 River Street – Enforcement Order sent. All parties C.c'd.
 - i. There has been no correspondence from the property owners yet. The Board discussed and suggested that the Health Agent sends a letter reminding them that we are waiting for information.
- c. 63 Palmer Mill Road: System in failure.
 - i. Owner called for Mass. Housing Loan information several months ago. No other contact to BOH since.
 1. Letter sent to homeowner to contact office with status update.
 2. Owner(s) were informed in letter that the Board will discuss issue on 02/03/21
 - a. The Board discussed options and will see if there are available funds in the betterment account to assist the homeowner.
- d. Cled's Tree Service, 450 Industrial Park Drive – Letter ordering presence at 01/20/21 meeting sent 01/07/21. The owner, Cleddir Ferreira and his Lawyer Scott Rubin present.
 - i. The Board discussed their concerns with Mr. Ferreira and his lawyer, revolving around how the property is being used for more than the original approved usage.
 - ii. Mr. Rubin discussed that log storing, log splitting and mulching are done on this site. He also stated that there is a porta-potty being used and serviced regularly.
 - iii. The Board asked for there to be a plan provided detailing the sanitary services and proof of a mechanism for the employees to wash their hands.
- e. Boards thoughts on Board of Health conducting virtual meetings.
 - i. The Board discussed the potential benefits and downfalls of virtual meetings and will continue to discuss this.
 - ii. Joanne Andrews proposed to The Board that the meetings are televised.
 1. The Health Agent added his COVID-19 Update is also presented weekly at the televised Board of Selectmen meeting.
 2. Carry-over and keep on the agenda.
3. Discussion Items:
 - a. 2 Walnut Street: Plans submitted.
 - i. Outback Engineering will be in attendance to discuss the septic plan.

1. Matt Grosschedl of Outback Engineering presented his plans to The Board. explained that the usage of water would not increase, and they will tie into the system that already exists.
 2. The home and septic are on one parcel, and the horse barn is on another attached parcel. Owner of 2 Walnut Street owns a company – his company owns the parcel the horse barn is on.
 - a. Co-Chairman Alan Dias discussed that there would be an increase of usage, but the existing SAS is large enough to handle the flow.
 - b. The Board discussed showing the plan on two pages for scale and size and to return with an updated plan.
- b. 300 Plymouth Street: Drainage Plan
- i. The Board recommends that the Health Agent reach out and ask them to revise the plan to show the existing septic system.
- c. 415 Thompson Street – Anonymous call alleging sludge trucks seen at property.
- i. The Board suggested that the Health Agent sends a Cease-and-Desist letter to owner, requiring a plan to continue.
- d. 49 & 51 Lake Street: Update
- i. Inspection done on 51 Lake Street 01/11/21.
 1. Health Agent updated the Board that the Owner of 51 Lake street wanted to thank the Board for all their assistance.
 2. Agent performed a full home inspection, and the residence is now fit for human habitation. The house placard was removed, and the owner will move back in.
- e. 471 Monponsett Street: Update and Trash.
- i. The Board discussed. Health Agent updated that there has not been a noticeable change in the condition. The Board plans to revisit what should be done for this property when time permits.
- f. 515 Monponsett Street - Septic Plan.
- i. Co-Chairman Alan Dias discussed his site visit and any potential issues.
 1. The Board discussed having the Health Agent to send a reminder to send in an as-built.
- g. **Admin Report: The Board Read.**
- i. Amendments to Supplemental Regulations will be attested, published on website, and sent to Title V Inspector's, Installer's, and engineers.
- h. **Agent Report:**
- i. COVID-19 update.

1. Health Agent Bob Valery updated The Board and Audience that there was a COVID-19 death today 01/20/2021.
 2. Agent discussed the increased contact tracing, cluster tracking, and overall involvement in the proactive measures and protocol education during the pandemic.
 3. The Health Agent updates that he along with first responders and town officials have been discussing the possibility of an emergency dispensing site for the vaccine.
 - a. Ashley DiSesa from the audience asks The Health agent about the elementary school, and if increased testing in the schools was an attempt for the schools to fully re-open.
 - i. Health Agent explains that the School itself is doing a great job following protocol, however spikes in cases seem to stem more from sports and outside activities where families do not follow proper protocols.
 - ii. The Health Agent discussed that as for larger school testing's, DESI/The Department of Public Health will be involved, and local official can advise.
 - iii. The Health Agent also explained that the main concern about fully reopening would be transportation.
 - ii. Wage increase, and clothing allowance request submitted.
 1. Finance Committee meeting to review requests scheduled for 02/01/21.
 - a. Health Agent Bob Valery updates The Board that they will need a Department Head and a representative for The Board to be present to submit an allowance request.
 - b. Board members and The Health Agent endure tenuous conditions while on site visits, inspections etc. that require protective clothing.
 - iii. Tammy Lorizio, Public Nurse
 1. The Health Agent discussed with the Board that he has been notified off a public nurse that can potentially assist in tracing and vaccines.
 2. The Health agent will reach out and ask her to meet with the Board of Health to discuss.
4. **The Following to be signed:** Board Approved and Signed.
- a. 01/06/21 Approved Permits
 - b. **Payroll for the Week Ending 01/30/21**
 - i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
 - ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
 - iii. Kelly Dwyer, Secretary
 - iv. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector
 - c. **Meeting Minutes:** Board Approved and Signed.
 - i. 01/06/21 Meeting Minutes

d. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 21-14 Board Approved and Signed.

i. Amazon Business:

1. Invoice# - Dynamic Performance D120 High Output IEC I/Type 1-3 Audio Cassette Tapes - \$31.99.

e. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 21-13 Board Approved and Signed.

- i. Spath Engineering – Invoice# 01192021-743 – Plan review – 39 Hillside Avenue - \$85.00

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

- i. Cinderella Nails – 2021 Artificial Nails and Pedicure Establishment.
- ii. ABC Disposal Service – 2021 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- iii. Republic Services – 2021 Rubbish Hauler's Permit.
- iv. Christopher Drown – Fred E. Nava & Son, Inc – 2021 Title V Inspector's Permit
- v. Robert Buker – Buker & Sons Clean Community Services – 2021 Title V Inspector's Permit
- vi. Gerry Richmond – Richmond Sand & Gravel – 2021 Title V Inspector's Permit

A Motion was made to approve permits i-vi.

Motion: Alan Dias

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

g. Mail Folder:

i. Zoning Board of Appeals: Board Reviewed.

1. Country Club Estates

- a. Halifax Country Club Estates – Traffic
- b. 01/13/21 Letter from Joe Peznola to ZBA
- c. Country Club Estates – Response to Alan Dias

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Motion: Alan Dias

Second: Steven MacFaun

- **Unanimous vote on the motion**

Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary

Signed By:

John L. Weber, Chairman
Alan J. Dias, Co-Chairman
Steven A. MacFaun – Clerk

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