

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 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

Also Present: Cleddir Ferreira, Attorney Reservitz, Chris Winiewicz, and Shane McGlone. Area 58 was anticipated by the BOH to film this meeting, but they did not appear.

The Board of Health opened at 6:34pm.

1. 6:34pm Hearing:

a. 57 Lake Street

i. Local Upgrades:

1. Reduction in the required setback of Property Line to septic tank from 10.0' to 0.5'.
2. Reduction in the required setback of Property Line to SAS from 10.0' to 0.0'.
3. Reduction in the required setback of SAS to crawl foundation from 10.0' to 5.0'.
4. Reduction in the required setback of septic tank to crawl space from 10.0' to 1.5'.
5. Variance to allow use of sieve analysis in place of perc test due to high ground water.

ii. Variances:

1. Reduction in the required setback of public water supply tributary to SAS from 200' to 43'.
2. Reduction in the required setback of public water supply tributary to septic tank from 200' to 48'.

iii. Note:

1. Micro-Fast 0.50' I/A being utilized to reduce minimum water table separation from 4.0' to 2.0'.
2. A Deed Restriction is Required limiting building to two (2) bedrooms.
 - a. Shane McGlone was present and brought the plan to the Board for review. He explained the proposed plan, and variances that would be necessary to install in this location. McGlone brought in the proof of certified mail to abutters and has been in contact with the Conservation Commission.

A Motion was made to approve the plan for 57 Lake Street with all necessary local upgrades and variances.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

2. Disposal Works Permits:

a. Ratify Agents Approval:

- i. 16 Thirteenth Avenue
- ii. 522 Plymouth Street
- iii. 48 Elm Street
- iv. 48 Lake Street (with Variances)
 1. Variance requests for setback(s) from tank and SAS to Monponsett Pond are reasonable, as proposed system offers greater protection than currently exists, and is sited as far as possible away from the waterbody on the subject property.
 2. Variance request for use of sieve analysis is reasonable, provided an additional observation hole is performed in SAS area at time of construction.
 3. With particular attention to soils not showing C1 layer of silt loam on logs of adjacent property (11 A Street).
 4. Ensure plumbing is appropriately changed per plan to issuing a certificate of compliance.

A Motion was made to ratify Agents Approval for i-iv as listed.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

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

- i. 96 Palmer Mill Road

A Motion was made to re-approve the plan for 96 Palmer Mill Road.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

3. Bring to Boards Attention:

- a. Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic sponsored by Stop & Shop is scheduled for 09/16/21 from 2pm–5:30pm in the Great Hall.
 1. The Health Agent updated The Board graciously thanked to Peter, The Pharmacist at Stop & Shop, there will be a Flu Vaccination Clinic offered to the public on 9/16/2021.

4. Discussion Items:

a. Cled's Tree update.

- i. Cled and his Lawyer Attorney Reservitz were present along with Christopher Winiewicz. Agent restated that Cled's Tree is still an open and active investigation, approached The Board for Support and Guidance. Agent wanted to ensure that The Board has the upmost confidence in his ability to conduct a fair, honest, and educated investigation regarding this complaint. There are endless variables to a Nuisance Sound investigation, and agent and The Board of Health are utilizing all the tools available to complete this.

1. The Board, Health Agent, Attorney Reservitz, and Mr. Winiewicz discussed. It was concluded that this is an ongoing investigation, The Board has total confidence in The Agent and The Board will be able to review the results within the next few weeks and move forward from there.

b. Admin Report:

- i. Continues to work with I/A, Monitoring & O&M Contract residents.

1. The Administrative Assistant continues to monitor.

- ii. Created New BOH Webpage Topic: "Local Public Health from A to Z"

1. Let admin. know if you would like her to add anything/subject.

- a. Secretary and Agent updated Board that Admin. Assistant put in a great deal of work to create an alphabet list with links on The A-Z's of Public Health Issues/Concerns/Lessons. Agent added that it is a great way to promote Public Health Education.

c. Agent Report:

- i. COVID-19 Update.

1. Agent updated Board that Plymouth County has been trending down 3.5%, and the positive test rate is less than 3% in Massachusetts. Health Agent continues to monitor the State Guidance and Government Mandates. Agent added that he can request FEMA rapid test kits to be made available at the Fire Department for Town Employees, and The Board agreed that it is a good choice. As always, The Board of Health Recommended to practice good hygiene and good judgement.

5. Affirm Any Bills Paid: Board Affirmed.

- a. Week Ending 08/28/21 Payroll.

- b. Week Ending 09/11/21 Payroll.

- c. FY 22-03 Expense – Office Supplies and computer ink - \$622.12.

A Motion was made to affirm A-C as listed.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

6. The Following to be signed: Board Signed.

- a. **Meeting Minutes:** *(Sign and Vote to Approve)*
 - i. August 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes.
- b. **Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 22-**
 - i. Walmart – Meter Batteries - \$21.86.
- c. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 22-**
 - i. Buker & Sons - Invoice# - Plan Review – 48 Lake Street - \$85.00.

A Motion was made to approve and sign for A-C as listed.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

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

- i. **Vote to Approve:**

- 1. Kimberly Campbell – The Farm at Ravenbrook – 2021 Residential Kitchen permit
 - 2. Richard Merry – Richard E. Merry Excavations – 2021 Septic Installer's Permit.
 - 3. Freeman Boynton – Duxbury Construction – 2021 Septic Installer's Permit.
 - 4. Dana Junior – 2021 Soil Evaluator's Permit.
 - 5. John Churchill – JC Engineering, Inc. – 2021 Title V Inspector's Permit.

A Motion was made to approve permits 1-5.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk