

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

On Wednesday October 19, 2022, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town Hall.

Present at the meeting were:

Steven A. MacFaun, Chairman

Candice Greene, Clerk

Robert Valery, Health Agent

The Board of Health opened at 6:35pm.

1. Disposal Works Permits:

a. 284 Monponsett Street:

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

b. 3 Pemmican Way:

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

c. 16 Lawrence Road:

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

d. 3 Elm Street:

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

2. Discussion Items:

a. Agent Report:

- i. C2-9 Lydon Lane – Final Order and CMR delivered to address. *Mr. Donovan was in attendance.***

- 1. The Board skipped to discussions to address the conditions of C2-9 Lydon Lane first to accommodate Mr. Donovan attendance.**
- 2. The Chair: Defers to Agent for his expertise in on this issue.**

- a. The Agent asked Mr. Donovan if he fully understands why the Board has requested his attendance?
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied, yes.
- b. The Agent asked Mr. Donovan. If he received and fully understands the order of correction.
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied yes, he did receive, and fully understands the order of correction.
- c. The Agent stated to Mr. Donovan, the Board of Health's last option is enforcement. It is our goal is to achieve voluntary compliance from any party involved in violations of human health and environmental issues. The Agent asked, have we and the Chief of the Fire Department spoke with you in person about our concerns?
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied, yes.
- d. The Agent asked Mr. Donovan if the Board of Health provided him with contactor trash bags, cleaning supplies, fly spray, and the ability for him to leave the trash bags outside and the Board of Health would remove them for him?
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied, yes, the Board of Health did pick up a bag he left outside. He stated he has been doing some cleanup and bringing the bags to the Bridgewater transfer station. He also stated he was ill with Covid over the summer and was tired.
- e. The Agent responded to Mr. Donovan stating that bag he left outside was very small. The Board of Health is here to help. The Condominium Association has made available parking spaces directly in front of the residence for a dumpster. Other agencies have also offered their assistance and the clean-up is no better today than on the first visit to the residence 3 months ago.
- f. The Clerk stated that it has actually been 4 months now.
 - i. Mr. Donovan stated there was a back log on dumpsters, and he have one coming on 10/29/22.
- g. The Agent stated to Mr. Donovan, please let me make this perfectly clear. You have failed to comply with a written order.
- h. I am required by law to be the enforcement officer. I have not been allowed entry into your unit but am showing you and the board the rear slider view from the outside which shows no second means of egress from the unit. If there was a fire or a need for emergency response

the conditions will put you, your neighbors, and responders in jeopardy. There are also complaints of odors emanating from the bathroom which is connected to Unit 10. I question if the bathroom is of sanitary condition. I question if there is pest infestation. Furthermore, I want you to understand if corrective measures are not taken the Unit will be posted “unfit for human habitation”. We do not want to make a bad situation worse and if you are evicted, we fear you will have no place to live. Let me assure you that I will strictly enforce the Laws, Regulations, and Housing code. I will be fair, firm, and consistent with you. This is to protect your rights and the rights of others.

- i. Mr. Donovan replied, I have no rodents except when my cat catches one from outside.
 - i. The Agent asked Mr. Donovan if the litter box in the bathroom was perhaps, the source of the smell.
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied no, it is clean and at the bottom of the stairs.
 - j. The Chair stated to Mr. Donovan, the Agent has been very clear. This matter has gone on for too long. We have a major safety concern for you, your neighbors, and first responders due to the conditions of this Unit. He asked Mr. Donovan is it possible for him to start removing the trash and clutter and if he was able to get some help to do it.
 - i. Mr. Donovan replied yes, I have some friends.
 - k. The Agent stated that he will stop by the property every day to remove any bags of trash put outside.
 - l. The Clerk stated the next BOH meeting is November 02, 2022. If there is no improvement by that time, the Board of Health is obligated to protect the health and wellbeing of all affected parties. The Health Agent will visit the unit on the day of the next meeting and the Board will act accordingly. Do you understand?
 - i. Mr. Donovan answered yes, thank you.
- ii. CPR Training – November
 - 1. Dates for Town employee training to be determined starting in November and then it will roll out to the public. We are also looking into defibrillator purchases for the Town Buildings.
- iii. Halloween – Order Glow Sticks. Print handouts.
 - 1. The Board agrees to use Board of Health funds to purchase glow stick/necklaces.

2. The Clerk asked to make or find the poster that shows the Board of Health is supporting this event on Saturday, October 29, 2022.
3. Agent will check with the library for the table location.
- iv. Tobacco: The Agent added this topic into discussions.
 1. Inspections have started and there are violations.
 2. Given the scope of not allowed for sale of Tobacco products and the nature of my letter. The Board decided a “one and done” approach with the issuance of fines.
 3. The Agent will follow up with each establishment violation or not and after their educational visit the ball is in their court to comply with the law.

3. The Following to be signed:

- a. **Payroll for the Week Ending October 22, 2022 – Board Approved and Signed**
 - i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
 - ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
 - iii. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector
- b. **Meeting Minutes: – Board Approved and Signed**
 - i. September 07, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - ii. October 05, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- c. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 23-07 – Board Approved and Signed**
 - i. Spath Engineering –Plan Review:
 1. Invoice# – 100722-743 – 284 Monponsett Street – \$85.00.
 2. Invoice# – – 3 Elm Street – \$85.00.
 - ii. Buker & Sons – Invoice# 101122 – Plan Review – 16 Lawrence Road – \$85.00.
 - iii. John DeLano – Invoice# 101222 – Plan Review – 3 Pemmican Way – \$85.00.
- d. **Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 23-04 – Board Approved and Signed**
 - i. Statement Covers Nursing Service Period: October 2022 – \$583.33
- e. **Mail Folder: *All Correspondence is emailed to Board individually.***
 - i. **Conservation Commission:**
 1. 0, 312, & 314 Plymouth Street – (DEP file # SE 171-0555) approved by the Conservation Commission on 9/27/22
(Emailed 10/11/22)
 2. 25 “A” Street - Decision Letter and Order of Conditions
(Emailed 10/11/22)
 3. 63 Palmer Mill Road – Determination Letter & DOA Signed Document. (Emailed 10/13/22)

4. 7 East Street – OOC Signed Document (*Emailed 10/13/22*)
- ii. **Zoning Board of Appeals:**
 1. 20 Holmes Street – Decision Letter (*Emailed 10/11/22*)
 2. 22 Colby Drive – Decision Letter (*Emailed 10/11/22*)
 3. 102 Hayward Street – Decision Letter (*Emailed 10/11/22*)

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Motion: Candice Greene

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed by,
Peggy Selter, Administrative Assistant



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk