

BOARD OF Health MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2022
Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Chairman, Stedman (Ted) Briggs. Also in attendance were; Member, Al Holman; Member, Richard Desjardins; Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan and Animal Control Officer, Mike Moran.

Agenda was approved.

Motion One – Richard made a motion to appoint Diane Tiernan, temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganization of the Board. Motion was seconded by Al and made unanimous by Ted.

Temporary Chairman, Diane Tiernan opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board of Health and asked for any nominations.

Motion two – Al made a motion to nominate Richard Desjardins as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted. Diane then closed the nominations.

Motion three- Al made a motion to appoint Richard Desjardins as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted. Richard accepted the nomination as Chairman.

Motion four – Al made a motion to rescind the former motion appointing Diane Tiernan as Temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganizing the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Richard. Diane turned the meeting back over to Richard.

Motion five – Al made a motion to reappoint all Board of Health staff which includes: Animal Inspector- Mike Moran; Burial Agent-Kelly McElreath; Assistant Burial Agent- Andrew Pickering; Housing Agent- Patricia Parent; Title 5 Agents-Lenny Izzo & Paul McKeon; Food Inspector- Janice Skinner; Asst. Public Health Supervisor- Diane Tiernan; Town Nurse- Patricia Parent; and Town Physician-Dr. Jeff Lucas. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Richard. Appointments were approved.

Minutes to the previous meeting dated 4/20/22 were reviewed.

Motion six – Al made a motion to approve of the minutes and Ted seconded the motion. Richard made the motion unanimous.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

11:16 a.m., Board discussed the rodent situation at Shannon Way/Caden Court of Upton Ridge. Resident Mark Donnelly of 10 Caden Ct., was present.

Mark stated he prepared a statement to the Board quoting the regulations which allow the Bd to enforce regulations associated with rodents – specifically the walls located in the Caden Ct. area. He feels that harborage area has not been addressed at the property.

Richard asked Mike what's going on with the rodents.

Mike stated the rodents are being trapped but it could take up to 10 months to get rid of them. He agrees that the walls are not in good shape, but he visited the site with Building Inspector Steve Johnson, and Steve said the walls were fine. Mike feels you need to fill the holes or something will come in and live in it.

Al stated it appears the rats are gone but we need to make sure that their hotel is gone. It Pulte does not want to address the walls, we will hold up any further signatures for occupancy permits on new condos, until this is resolved.

Ted suggested Mark file a complaint with the Selectmen regarding the building inspectors if he feels they are wrong about accepting the walls.

Al stated the walls are in a common area, they need to be rebuilt in a manner that excludes any rodents further access. Further occupancy permits will not be issued until this is resolved.

11:39 a.m., Mr. Donnelly thanked the Board and left.

Mike reviewed his log with the Bd: He is working on a complaint with the Selectmen of a Police dog that bit another dog and killed it. Should be resolved soon.

Septic designs were reviewed for 12 Claflin Farm Road, Lot # 5 - redesign for Lobisser Building Corp., and a repair for

55 230 Mechanic Street – Ken Marshall.

56 Plans were previously reviewed and approved by BOH Agent, Paul McKeon.

57 **Motion seven** – Ted made a motion to approve of the above designs and Al seconded the motion. Richard made the motion
58 unanimous. Permits were approved.

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60 A food permit application was reviewed for Soul Food, United Parish.

61 **Motion eight** - Ted made a motion to approve of the food permit and Al seconded the motion. Richard made the motion
62 unanimous. Permit was approved.

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65 **Motion nine** – Ted made a motion to adjourn, and Al seconded the motion. Richard made the motion unanimous.
66 12:03 p.m., Meeting was adjourned,

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68 Respectfully Submitted,

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71 Diane Tiernan,
72 Asst. Public Health Supervisor