

**BOARD OF
Health
MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 27, 2021
Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568**

1 The remote meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., by Chairman Al Holman. Also attending remotely
2 were; member, Richard Desjardins; Member, Stedman (Ted) Briggs, and Asst. Public Health Supervisor,
3 Diane Tiernan;

4 Al read the following: *Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions
5 of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning
6 imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the
7 Town of Upton will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. We will strive to
8 provide access to such meetings via a link to call in, or other similar option. In the event we are unable to
9 accommodate the same, despite best efforts, we will post recorded sessions of the meeting as soon as
10 possible following the same.*

11 Agenda was approved.

12 Minutes to the previous meeting were reviewed.

13 **Motion one** - Ted made a motion to approve the minutes to the previous meeting held on 4/29/21 and
14 Richard seconded the motion. Al made the motion unanimous. Minutes were approved.

15 Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and approved. Ted will go to the office in the morning to sign
16 them.

17 Board discussed the present COVID-19 situation which has vastly improved. Total case count is
18 presently 467 with no new cases. Our last COVID clinic will be held at Nipmuc on the 29th.

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20 **Motion two** - Richard made a motion to appoint Diane Tiernan, temporary Chairman for the purpose of
21 reorganization of the Board. Motion was seconded by Ted and made unanimous by Al. Vote was taken
22 and all were in favor.

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

26 **Motion three** - Richard made a motion to nominate Ted Briggs as Chairman of the Board. Motion was
27 seconded by Al. Diane then closed the nominations.

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29 **Motion four** - Al made a motion to appoint Ted Briggs as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded
30 by Richard. Ted accepted the nomination as Chairman.

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

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

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42 Board discussed the Mosquito Control Flyer that is being presented again this year by; Stacia Marcella,
43 Chris Scott, Laurie Woodin, Mike Penko, Euguene Bernat, and Elissa Bernat. All were present virtually.
44 Board reviewed the flyer and approved the minor corrections.
45 **Motion Seven** - Richard made a motion to approve of the flyer that will run in the local paper and Ted
46 seconded the motion. Al recused himself from the vote. Motion was approved by majority.
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48 Chris Scott stated that there is a small group that wants to develop a plan to opt out of spraying for the
49 town of Upton. Al stated if the town opts out, then we need to come up with an alternative plan to deal
50 with mosquitoes. Chris stated that is what this committee will do. They are looking to speak with the
51 Selectmen about forming such a group. Ted stated the time has passed to submit an exemption request
52 to the state. Eugene stated that was correct, this would be for next year. Ted stated that the group
53 would need to be diverse.
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55 A request for extension of percs and deeps for 46 Taft Street, Alice Leighton was reviewed.
56 **Motion Eight** - Richard made a motion to grant a one year extension of the soil tests for 46 Taft Street.
57 Al seconded the motion and Ted made the motion unanimous. Extension was approved.
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59 Diane discussed the purchase of the large scanner for design plans. We have an option to purchase a
60 copier along with the scanner, but Diane is concerned that there won't be any storage area for such a
61 large piece of equipment. Board agreed to purchase the scanner only.
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63 Diane discussed the plans for large shared septic systems at the new development "Cobblers Creek"
64 being built by Lobisser off of Hopkinton Road. Diane has discussed the proposal with BOH Agent, Paul
65 McKeon, who agrees that we would like the plans to be reviewed by DEP. The systems are extremely
66 large, and Paul would prefer a second opinion on them. Board agreed. Diane will speak to a DEP
67 representative.
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69 Diane addressed the ticket/fine system being used by the Animal Control officer. Presently, it only
70 addresses dogs, but Mike has had to chase down horses that have gotten loose and feels there should be
71 a fine for them as well.
72 **Motion Nine** - Richard made a motion to include horses on the tickets and Al seconded the motion. Ted
73 made the motion unanimous.
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75 Board discussed the shared service grant for staff assistance with the BOH. The grant would enable us
76 and several other towns to share an agent for title 5, food inspections, housing, etc. at no cost to the
77 town. The final draft of the IMA will be forthcoming. Board agreed to move forward with the process,
78 but will wait for the final draft before voting on it.
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80 A d-box repair permit was reviewed for 88 Prospect Street - Slachta.
81 **Motion ten** - Al made a motion to approve the permit and Richard seconded the motion. Ted made the
82 motion unanimous. Permit was approved.
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84 A septic repair design was reviewed for 153 West River Street - Dionne.
85 ***Motion eleven*** - Al made a motion to approve the design and Richard seconded the motion. Ted made
86 the motion unanimous. Septic permit was approved.
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88 Diane stated that Upton veterinarian Rosario Delgado approved of the two rabies exemption requests for
89 Upton residents.
90 ***Motion twelve*** - Al made a motion to grant a rabies exemption to the Golden family of 3 Rockdale Hill
91 Circle and the Baldi family of 24 Warren Road.
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93 ***Motion thirteen*** - Richard made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Ted made the motion
94 unanimous.
95 5:23 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.
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102 Diane Tiernan
103 Asst. Public Health Supervisor
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