

# **MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**January 18, 2023 at 5:30pm**  
**Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5**

**PRESENT:** Adam Gedutis (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Maureen Jasie (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), Phillip Huang (300-304 Center St) and Don Bryant (Resident).

Adam Gedutis opened the meeting at 5:30pm and read the statement about the audio recording of the Meeting.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENT 5:30pm – Phillip Huang (300-304 Center Street)**

Mr. Huang gave his history with the property. Grady Consulting is designing the septic and A. E. Wood will do the install. He is in the process of evicting the tenants and they have to be out February 15 and can be forcibly evicted at the end of February. After they are out, the septic will go in and anything left by the tenants will be removed from the property. He hopes to open a Chinese Restaurant by April or May. Huang intends to live on the property.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Discuss and possible Vote 2023 BoH Meeting Calendar**

Sabrina Chilcott gave the Board the Select Board calendar with the Town Meeting dates. After discussion the Board voted to follow the Select Board calendar but meet at 5:30pm to allow them to attend the Selectboard meeting at 7:00pm. Newman made a motion to meet the same days as the Selectboard with the understanding the Board would not meet if there was nothing on the Agenda and would meet more frequently if needed. Jasie seconded and all were in favor.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of December 28, 2022 and January 4, 2022.**

Jasie made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 28, 2022 as written, Newman seconded, and all were in favor. Jasie made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 4, 2023 as written. Newman seconded and all were in favor. The board did not vote on the Livestock Forum Summary as it was not a Board of Health Meeting. Jasie asked that the letter sent to the Board of Health from Robert Prezioso regarding be entered into the record.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and vote to appoint a representative for the Board to the PE-Grant Advisory.**

Jasie started the discussion she would like to be involved in the PE-Grant Advisory. She acknowledged Cullity's involvement thus far. Newman was surprised Jasie wanted it since she voted against it. Jasie responded she knows much more about the grant now and also has the time to commit to the collaborative. Chilcott and Cullity discussed how they thought the PE-Grant Advisory would work. Newman made a motion to appoint Maureen Jasie the Pembroke Board of Health Representative to the Public Health Excellence Advisory Board. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possible vote Pembroke service needs for the PE-Grant.**

The Agent supplied the Board with job descriptions developed by the Public Advisory Board thus far. They discussed the positives and negatives of full and part time hires. The Agent stated at this time the majority of towns in the collaborative are leaning towards multiple part time hires. The Board welcomed the information and decided no vote was needed at this time.

## **HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

The Board has covered most of what the Agent planned to report. She updated the Board on the Fireworks site in Hanover. Additional contamination has been found and the Attorney General is going back against the original owners of the site for additional funding for the site. Winter has been mild thus far. The Agent is involved in the Community Center Project as it will become our emergency shelter when completed.

Sabrina Chilcott informed the Board the Mass DEP has filed their master plan last year and the two major takeaways are as of November 1<sup>st</sup> mattresses and textiles are banned from the waste stream. They must now be recycled. It now cost \$35 per mattress to leave at the recycle center for recycling which does not cover the cost of recycling those items. The Town has entered an agreement with Big Brother Big Sister to recycle all textiles at no cost to the Town. Chilcott asked the Board members to share any posts on social media by the Town to get the word out.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Jasie asked about emergency preparedness. Cullity said she could give a report on what the town has on hand and what the plan was for the future emergencies with the Community Center.

Gedutis state the next meeting would be on February 8, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Newman made a motion to adjourn, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.