

MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 24 2023 at 5:30pm

Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5

PRESENT: Adam Gedutis (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Maureen Jasie (Member), and Lisa Cullity (Health Agent).

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

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Reorganize.

The Chair asked for a motion for Chair. Newman made a motion to re-appoint Adam Gedutis as Chair, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor. Gedutis made a motion to re-appoint Newman as Secretary, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of April 5, 2023 and April 26, 2023.

Jasie made a motion to table the Minutes of April 5, 2023, to allow the secretary to put in more information.

Newman made a motion to accept the April 26, 2023 Minutes as written, Adam seconded, and all were in favor.

After further review, Jasie made a motion to reconsider the April 5, 2023 Minutes. Newman seconded and all were in favor. Jasie made a motion to accept the April 5, 2023, and April 26, 2023, Minutes as written. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Maureen Jasie - Shared Collaborative Meeting Board Update and any necessary vote.

An email was sent to each member of the Collaborative regarding the preliminary FY2024 budget. There was an increase of roughly \$175,000. The Town did turn over its budget figures to the Collaborative. Pembroke's Board of Health budget does not include staffing costs as the staff is paid out of the Department of Municipal Inspectional (DMI) budget. The next meeting is May 31, 2023.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possible vote Livestock Regulations Preamble through Part 1 General.

Newman clarified the red text in the guidebook is the proposed changes. The Agent said the biggest problem is noisy birds (primarily roosters and peacocks). Jasie made a motion to accept the changes through Part 1 General as written, Newman seconded, and all were in favor.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Office activity – Remains high. Perc tests are down as not many homes are for sale. This is the slowest spring for perc tests the Health Agent has seen in her time at the Board of Health (13 years). Jasie asked if the Pembroke Firehouse Food Pantry is under the Town's jurisdiction. The Agent stated only to the extent of food permitting and inspections like any other food retailer.

Multi-Family Dwellings – The Agent stated multi-family dwellings are prohibited in Pembroke. There are a few in Pembroke that predate the current Zoning Regulations. There are some zoning districts (commercial) that allow multi-family dwellings as well as zoning exemptions allowed by 40B and age restricted developments. Exemptions must be applied for and approved by Zoning and Building. The Board of Health portion of multi-family dwellings pertains to Title 5 (septic system regulations). Multi-Family dwellings will overwhelm a system not built to handle the daily flow. While the Board cannot order people to fix the septic system, they could condemn the building and force everyone out of the building. It can be a long process.

Barker Street – At this time, the Board of Health is not involved in this issue.

300-304 Center St – The building is empty and no longer in violation as it is not occupied. Agent was hoping it would be started by now but there has not been any progress.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Future Meeting date currently June 7, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Newman made a motion to adjourn. Jasie seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.