



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 28, 2022 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), and Don Bryant (Resident).

Adam Gedutis opened the meeting at 5:31pm and read the statement about the audio recording of the Meeting.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the minutes of December 21,

Newman made a motion to accept the minutes of December 21, 2022 as written, Jasie Seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and Vote Acceptance of MA Public Health Excellence Grant

Jasie read into the record the opinion of Town Counsel regarding question about the MA Public Health Excellence Grant: “This was received Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 2:15 PM:

‘It is my opinion that the purpose of these two documents is to establish procedures for the sharing of certain resources and for the allocation of grant funds for the benefit of member communities. It is my further opinion that the acceptance of grant funds and/or participation in these agreements will not result in a surrender of the Board of Health's authority to establish public health policy for the Town of Pembroke. Rather, the agreements are limited to making resources available to member communities should they choose to take advantage of those resources. I do not interpret these agreements as requiring the Town to accept any particular resource or to participate in any particular initiative if the Board of Health finds that they are not in the best interests of the Town.’”

Gedutis stated he had questions that have been answered and he is satisfied with the answers he received. The Board discussed the timeline of the deadlines with the Health Agent. Jasie watched to know when the Excellence Grant was first introduced and what the original deadline date. Cullity said it was first broached in 2020. COVID struck in March and a lot of things were put by the wayside due to the burden on the BoH and the Town as a whole. Newman made a motion to accept the Public Health Excellence Grant for shared services. Gedutis seconded. The vote passed 2-1.

NEXT MEETING DATE (Taken Out of Order)

Gedutis stated the next meeting was January 4, 2023 and Robert DeMarzo would be present to discuss the Livestock Forum.

FUTURE BUSINESS

The Agent stated the next meeting would also have variance requests for 150 Brick Kiln Ln.

The Agent suggested the Board add a discussion regarding the concerns they have for the operational structure of the PH-EG group as well as choosing a voting representative for the group.

Jasie requested an update on 300 Center St at the next meeting and budget discussions in January. Chilcott the Town Manager sets the budget for the Health Department as the part of the Department of Municipal Inspections (DMI) and he will be presenting the budget to the Selectboard. If given enough notice, he could discuss it with the Board at a future meeting. Jasie was concerned with the general expenses line item from 2018 to the next proposed budget. Jasie asked for the Board to set a schedule of meetings. It was decided these concerns would be discussed at the January 18, 2023 BoH meeting with Mr. Chenard being first on the Agenda.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.