

MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

April 5, 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), Anne Dee Pelley (Resident), Paul Toler (Resident), Kerry Toler (Resident), Denise Egan (resident), Lauren Cushing (Resident), Emma Cushing (Resident), and Katie Lynch (Family Pet and Garden Center).

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

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss beaver dam in a Town owned parcel adjacent to 63 Oldham Street and vote any action required by the Board of Health.

Paul Toler spoke to the Board regarding the beaver dam located next to his property. The Health Agent explained the steps required by state law for taking (relocating) wildlife. The Board of Health is the first step and evaluates the danger to people and property caused by the wildlife in question. The Agent told the Board the beaver is not an imminent danger to people or property. She stated there were some issues that may be able to be remedied by Fish and Wildlife. Cullity stated Fish and Wildlife will be out at the location tomorrow. Newman made a motion, due to a lack of eminent public health threat at 63 Oldham, that the Board take no action. He would like the Agent to let Fish and Wildlife know the Board is concerned with future issues with the beaver dam and would like a long-term and permanent solution. Adam seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of March 8, 2023.

Newman made a motion to accept the minutes, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss Livestock Regulations (taken out of order).

There were several livestock owners in attendance. Anne Dee Yurick was asked why she was not aware of the Livestock Subcommittee activity as she was an alternate for the Livestock Subcommittee. The Agent stated the Mr. DeMarzo was in charge of the subcommittee. Newman discussed the purpose of the subcommittee and what the goals were. Yurick had questions about proposed fencing changes. The Agent about talked density issues – small lots with many animals. The Board will begin reviewing the proposed changes at their next meeting, starting with fences.

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

Jasie went over the meeting of the PH-EG. The DPH did a capacity assessment survey of Hanover, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, and Rockland (the collaborative) to assess needs. Lots of data was tabulated and shared. There were seven areas surveyed: administration, community sanitation, disease control and prevention, environmental protection, food protection, housing, and tobacco use prevention. Pembroke's highest score was in tobacco use prevention. Food protection was in the 87th percentile. The most focus needed was for administration. The Administration, community sanitation, disease control and prevention, environmental protection, and housing are stretched thin. There is not any redundancy to cover when regular employees are out for whatever reason. The assessment stated we need a public nurse. Jasie would like to work with the local Chamber of Commerce and Pembroke Public schools to create a Pathway to the medical field. Cartwheels is a program she would like to look into at some point.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possible vote DPW request regarding Well processing.

Newman made a motion to accept the DPW's request to put a 90-day time limit to complete the installation of a new well. Residents could appeal the decision to null and void the permit.

BOARD DISCUSSION – **Future Meeting date currently April 19, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

The Chairman scheduled the next meeting for April 26, 2023 at 5:30.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Office activity is up. Septic applications and a installations are up. She will be on vacation for 10 days and will return on 4/25. 300 Center St is empty, and the Town has been using the parking lot for thee consturciotn on Center street.

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Jasie asked about opening ponds and Lisa explained how that happens.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Newman made a motion to adjourn, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.