

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Matthew Newman (Chair), Gary Fine (Clerk), Gail McSweeney (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Leonard Ruszczyk (Pembroke resident observer) and art Egerton (PTN Videographer).

**6:03 MR. NEWMAN OPENED THE MEETING AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING
AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING**

Prior to the first Board Action, Mr. Fine asked the Chair to ask the observer in the Office to identify himself. The Chair asked the gentlemen if he wanted to state his name for the record. Len Ruszczyk stated he was a resident of Pembroke and was here to participate with the Board of Health and to see what is on the Agenda. He has pulled papers to run for what he believes to be an empty seat coming up. The Board welcomed him and McSweeney stated she was the one leaving the Board.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – 131 Oak Street – Variance Request – Shane McGlone Plan

15.405 (Ih) – A reduction in the separation between the bottom of the S.A.S. and the maximum seasonal high water table from 4.0' to 3.0'.

15.405 (Ii) – A variance to allow use of sieve analysis in place of perc test due to high water

After some discussion with the Health Agent, Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the variances as written. McSweeney seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Approve Minutes of December 17, 2018, January 14, 2019 and February 25, 2019

Fine made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 17, 2018 and January 14, 2019 as written. Newman seconded. Fine and Newman voted yes and McSweeney abstained. The motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Title V Control Numbers – Question 3

Should we require whichever inspector is called in by a company to do an inspection, must be the inspector that performs the inspection and signs the report? (Question rephrased for clarity.)

After much discussion, the Board asked a letter to be written to the company with most of the issues outlining the issues and stating the concerns felt by the office and the Board. The Health Agent said she would write a letter for the Board's approval at the next meeting

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

The Health Agent updated the Board of Office Activity, Adams Ave, Washington St. and MA DEP.

At this time, Ms. McSweeney stated she had to leave at 7:00pm. The Chair acknowledged her request and stated there was only one item left of the Agenda.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Livestock Regulations

The Chair asked Ms. McSweeney if she had any topics regarding livestock she wished to go over. McSweeney stated roosters and density. The Agent said 80% of the complaints regarding livestock are about chickens. Those complaints are either a rooster crowing or free-ranging chickens. Fine stated the fees need to be re-examined. Fine made a motion to add to the fee structure under Group A Poultry and Group D Rabbits the language, "A minimum charge of \$3 will apply." McSweeney seconded and all were in favor. Fine asked for an agreement to discuss this at the next meeting. The Chair said he would like to discuss roosters next time. McSweeney said she would like to stop permitting roosters in Pembroke. Existing roosters would be grandfathered and allowed to stay until they die and cannot be replaced. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chair made a motion to adjourn, McSweeney seconded and all were in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Matthew Newman
Chair