

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
August 12, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), Dr. T. Stephen Jones (Guest Speaker regarding natural gas dangers to children) and Art Egerton (PTN Videographer),

**CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 5:01 PM AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING**

**BOARD SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Dr. T. Stephen Jones**

Dr. Jones gave a brief history of his career and gave the Board a handout of his research. He is focusing on the danger of cooking with a gas stove and children having a higher chance of developing severe asthma. Dr. Jones gave to the Board Information regarding steps the Board could take. Dr. Jones left the meeting at 5:25pm. The Board will follow up.

**HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

The Health Agent gave a brief update on mosquitos. The latest report from the state has Pembroke at moderate. There are no new indices of EEE mosquitos. She advised residents to continue to use insect repellant and to take precautions in addition to the aerial spraying being conducted by the state. 5:30

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request for 187 Wampatuck St – Grady Consulting Plan**

This is the Town Landing on Oldham Pond. The Recreation Department, the Selectmen's office and the Commission on Disabilities are jointly renovating the Landing to become ADA Compliant. The current building will be torn down and replaced with a new restroom, showers, snack bar and lifeguard shack. The existing tight tank needs to be moved (removed and replaced). This facility does not generate enough waste to justify a full septic system. The 3,000 tank has needed to be pumped every THREE years. Newman made a motion to approve the variance for a tight tank as written, the Chair seconded and all were in favor.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Food Establishment Re-Inspection Fees**

The Board finalized the reset count for repeat offenders. After the repeat violation is corrected, the establishment must have a clean (no violations) routine inspection. This normally occurs every six months. The Chair tabled the vote until the next meeting in order to give Mr. Fine the opportunity to review the materials and participate in the vote.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote the Minutes of June 10, 2019 and July 15, 2019.**

Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 10, 2019 as written. Chair Driscoll seconded and all were in favor. Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 15, 2019 as written. Chair Driscoll seconded and all were in favor.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Livestock Regulation Subcommittee**

The Agent stated office has received about seven applications. Some have asked about the requirements to be on the committee. She stated traditionally, there have been only two requirements to be on a subcommittee: must be a resident of Pembroke and of a registered voter. The Chair would like a robust committee of five to seven members. The Agent thought we should not make livestock ownership a requirement as livestock affects more than the owners. A formal request will be posted on the Town website and Social Media pages. The deadline for submission will be the next BoH Meeting.

**HEALTH AGENT REPORT (cont.)**

A pond in Plymouth has cyanobacteria. Pembroke does not have any at this time. People should be aware – don't let your pet in dirty water. If your dog goes in questionable water, get it out and rinse the dog off and take the dog to the vet. Dogs are susceptible to cyanobacteria because the dog liver is sensitive. Stay out of bog water. Pollen is often mistaken for cyanobacteria (more yellow than green). Regular algae are lime colored. Cyanobacteria are a blue/green color (aqua) and may have a shimmering, iridescent quality. We do have volunteers monitoring the ponds.

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**UPCOMING ISSUES**

Discuss and possibly vote local upgrade well regulations – James Watt – October 2019

Discuss and possibly vote to ban fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides near the ponds – October 2019

The Chair stated the next meeting would be September 23, 2019 at 5:00pm.

At 6:01 p.m., Newman made motion to adjourn, the Chair seconded and all were in favor.

Thomas Driscoll  
Chair