

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 3, 2020**

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), Bryan O'Brien, Rich Grady (Nursing Student) and Robert DeMarzo.

CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

5:00pm SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Sabrina Chilcott Open Meeting Law Complaint, Discuss and vote recommended Town Counsel's Response

The Town received an Open Meeting Law Violation Complaint from Bryan O'Brien on December 30, 2019. The complaint alleges the Board meeting Agendas in 2015 were insufficiently detailed and the meetings of those minutes were insufficiently detailed, and the Board members engaged in outside deliberation in and around April to May 2015 concerning his property. Town Counsel has analyzed the complaint and relevant background documentation and compiled a draft response to the complaint. Town Counsel has examined all the items in Mr. O'Brien's complaints, did not find any fault and addressed them in their letter. Chair Driscoll made a motion to approve the response drafted by Town Counsel. Newman seconded and all were in favor. Mr. O'Brien asked to read a statement regarding his understanding of what transpired. The Board heard his statement.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Sabrina Chilcott – Discuss and vote sponsoring Agricultural Commission at Spring Town Meeting

Ms. Chilcott stated a previous rooster complaint appeared before the Board of Selectmen when the rooster's owner requested a hearing in front of the Selectmen after she was ordered by the Board of Health to remove the rooster. The Board of Selectmen upheld the Board of Health's order as it was a BoH issue. The Board of Selectmen considered sponsoring an article to create an Agricultural Commission as originally planned by the Right to Farm creators to resolve issues between livestock owners and their neighbors. The Selectmen declined to sponsor the bill and deferred to the BoH. The BoH Chair declined to sponsor the bill as a livestock subcommittee has been formed. The Chair stated he would let Ms. Chilcott know if they wanted to submit anything for Town Meeting by the deadline. Mr. DeMarzo spoke briefly about what the Livestock Subcommittee was working on.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possibly vote to require a livestock inspection at 92 Mattakeesett Street to determine compliance with order to remove roosters.

The Chair tabled this item indefinitely.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT – Office activity

The Chair tabled this item indefinitely.

Newman made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Driscoll seconded, and all were in favor.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair