



## MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matthew Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), and Lisa Cullity  
Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 6:00pm and asked Mr. DeMarzo would mind if they took McGlone Enterprises out of sequence. DeMarzo agreed.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Shayne McGlone, McGlone Enterprises -** Discuss and possible vote variance request for 55 Adams Ave

McGlone stated the home had just been sold and had a pre-1995 tight tank. McGlone was able to design a system that would fit on the property. He is proposing a pump system and requested variances due to space constraints. The Agent said technology has come a long way since the tight tank was installed and this proposal met maximum feasible compliance. Newman made a motion to accept the variances for 55 Adams Street as written. Adam seconded and all were in favor, and it passed 3-0-0.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Robert DeMarzo -** Discuss and possible vote regarding Livestock Subcommittee size

DeMarzo would like to meet in July. He also wants to have two public forums. One regarding livestock in general and the other to address roosters. The Agent stated roosters are not the only loud birds kept by livestock owners. The subcommittee should look at educating livestock owners of the dangers of free-ranging livestock. DeMarzo asked the Board to Reappoint Elizabeth Bailley, Jason Ramsdell, Paige Graziano, Stephen LeBlanc and Robert DeMarzo and to change the organization to five members and two alternates. Newman made a motion to change the subcommittee to 5 members and two alternates in addition to naming the five members requested by DeMarzo to the subcommittee. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of March 29, 2021, April 6, 2021 April 27, 2021, and May 25, 2021**

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 29, 2021, April 6, 2021 April 27, 2021, and May 25, 2021. Gedutis made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Newman seconded and all were in favor (3-0-0).

**BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Discuss the Feasibility of Conducting a Blood Drive**

The Agent said she spoke to the Town Manager, William Chenard, and he said he would make Town facilities available if needed. Chenard also asked there be minimal disruption to Town Offices during regularly scheduled workdays. This offer would also stand if facilities were needed to sign people up and general preparations. She said if anyone had a contact at one of the organizations, it could be done. Newman asked if the Blood collected by these organizations was sold and if it was, how does that work with the regulation regarding donating public facilities for a profitable business. The Agent said the blood is sold but the entity selling is a non-profit. Their website is transparent in that regard. A problem would be if the Town redeployed employees to work at this type of event while being paid by the Town.

### Health Agent's Report

#### COVID UPDATE

We have had one case of COVID in the last 10 days. Newman asked if we had any deaths from COVID since the start of the pandemic. The Agent stated we had at least two. She also said we are not necessarily contacted in the even of a COVID death. The two deaths known to the Agent were told to her by family members. Confirming addresses of patients is more difficult than it would appear. Hospitals use the address on the insurance. People move and data updates do not necessarily happen. Some people in long-term care facilities have the facility as their address. Others have their home address where they no longer reside. College students are another story. The Chair asked if the Agent thought this was wrapping up. The Agent does not think the state will wrap it up

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until October or November if all goes well. The Chair asked if we had reached herd immunity in Massachusetts yet. The Agent said we are not there yet and will not be until 75% of the population is either vaccinated or recovered. It will also depend on if people continue to keep the elevated level of cleanliness and distancing. Mr. Newman praised Health Agent Cullity's performance during the pandemic. The Chair stated people do not know the amount of stress she was under and the hours she worked. The Agent praised the community response by all. Police, Fire, COA, Pembroke Schools, DPW to name a few. There was also a transition to a new Town Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief.

***OFFICE ACTIVITY/GENERAL INFO***

Animal complaints including dog bites were down during COVID and continue to be so. The Town Landing is undergoing renovation after a two-year delay funded by a grant. Temporary toilets have been deployed in several beaches for the summer.

**Upcoming Issues**

The Agent gave a brief description of the upcoming issue "Pump Systems Require Electrical Permit Signoff for Certificate of Compliance."

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Newman seconded, and all were in favor (3-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

August 31, 2021

September 28, 2021

October 26, 2021