



BOARD OF HEALTH

78 Main Street
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Meeting Minutes May 31, 2017 5:30 PM

**Venue: Town Hall (78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749)
3rd Floor Conference Room B**

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Delfino at 5:26 pm

1.2 Roll Call

Mr. Michael Delfino (Chairman)
Mr. Jay Murphy (Vice Chairman)
Ms. Christie Vaillancourt (Clerk)

Staff

Dr. Sam Wong (Director)

Others Present

Mr. Stephen Domenicucci

2.0 General Business

2.1 Transfer Station Discussion

Mr. Stephen Domenicucci mentioned that he witnessed solid waste companies other than BP is using the Transfer Station to process their collected materials. Dr. Wong stated that the Board is aware of this practice. Our current contract with BP contains languages that are considered too vague on this issue. We are currently in discussion with BP for a new contract.

Dr. Wong also presented a status update on the ongoing project to improve solid waste management in town. At a recent meeting between several town officials and BP, the parties agreed on a framework. This framework includes a BP-funded construction of a new transfer station behind the town's wastewater treatment facility with a new access road, and a discounted pricing for a town-wide curbside collection service. The next step is to present this framework to the Board of Selectmen in June or July. All three members of the Board expressed support of this framework.

2.2 Vouchers

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vaillancourt, and passed unanimously.

2.3 Minutes April 26, 2017

Mr. Murphy motioned to table the discussion of the April 26, 2017, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vaillancourt, and passed unanimously.

2.5 Eversource Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Line proposal

The Board reviewed the proposal submitted by Eversource to the state Energy Facility Siting Board regarding an electricity transmission line coming into Hudson. Dr. Wong stated that the proposal includes buried power lines along the abandoned railway, and creates a rail trail for recreational purposes. Mr. Murphy motioned to support the proposal with the following conditions:

- All power lines must be installed underground
- A rail trail is built and solely funded by Eversource
- No pesticide will be used in the maintenance of the rail trail
- The routine maintenance of the rail trail will be turned over to the Hudson Department of Public Works after it is built
- The costs associated with the maintenance of the rail trail by DPW will be funded by Eversource

The motion was seconded by Ms. Vaillancourt, and passed unanimously.

2.6 Farmers' Market updates

Dr. Wong stated that The Hudson Farmers' Market will start on June 6, 2017 at 3:00 pm. We have 33 vendors signed on for it.

2.7 FY18 department budget

Dr. Wong presented to the Board the funding sources of staff salary for the department for FY18. Vast majority of the 6 full-time, 1 part-time, and 2 contract employees will not be funded by the town.

2.8 Septic System Variance Request - 1 Worcester Ave.

Mr. Rick Smith, as the owner of the property, is requesting the following variances from the State Environmental Code for the proposed new septic system. The current cesspools serving the two residential buildings on the property have failed.

- Groundwater offset distance from the required 5 feet to proposed 4 feet.
- Setback distances of the building foundation to the septic tank from required 10 feet to proposed 7 and 8 feet.
- Setback distance of the soil absorption system to the property line from required 10 feet to proposed 5 feet.

Mr. Murphy motioned to grant the requested variances. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vaillancourt, and passed unanimously.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Election of Officers

Mr. Delfino motioned to nominate Mr. Murphy as the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vaillancourt, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Delfino motioned to nominate Ms. Vaillancourt as the Vice Chairwoman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Delfino will serve as the Clerk of the Board.

4.0 Adjournment

Ms. Vaillancourt motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy, and passed unanimously.

Next meeting of the Board will be held on June 20, 2017, at 5:30 pm.