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May 15, 2023

The Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting at the Town of East Bridgewater Town Offices, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA in Conference Room First Floor. BOH Members present Rob Lyons (RL) Chair – Tom Duquette, Jr. (TD) Vice Chair and Andrew Hudson (AH) Clerk. Also in attendance, Jeanmarie Joyce (JJ) Health Agent and Sandra Abban (SA) Administrative Assistant.

**Reorganized Board after May 13<sup>th</sup> Town Elections:**

Rob thanked former Chair Lisa Lesogor for her guidance, expertise, support, and years of service on the Board he wished her the very best.

RL welcomed new member Andrew Hudson to the Board.

TD made a motion to nominate RL as Chair, RL accepted the nomination. AH seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RL made a motion to nominate TD as Vice Chair, TD accepted the nomination. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RL made a motion to nominate AH as Clerk, AH accepted the nomination. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair, RL called the meeting to Order at 5:02 PM and stated there are no hearings or appointments scheduled.

**Action Items:**

**Payment of Bills**

AH made a motion to approve WB Mason, Invoice #237943450, amount \$63.59, printer ink for town nurse and Crystal Rock, Invoice #1016063042123, amount \$5.81, water. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

RL made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1, 2023, as drafted. TD seconded the motion. AH abstained. So, moved.

RL made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from May 1, 2023, as drafted. TD seconded the motion. AH abstained. So, moved.

### **Disposal System Construction Permits**

#### **Local Upgrade Approval**

AH made a motion to approve as submitted **818 Crescent St, East Bridgewater** Local Upgrade Approval **1.** Local Upgrade Approval from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum 4' vertical separation between the high groundwater elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate greater than 2 minutes per inch. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from 4' to 3' is requested. **2.** Variance in accordance with DEP policy #BRP/DWM/Pep-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested. TD Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AH made a motion to approve as submitted **622 Bridgewater St., East Bridgewater** - – Local Upgrade Approval Request – 310 CMR 15.4(1)(h): to reduce the 5' separation from S.A.S. to E.S.H.G.W. to 4'. (4.04' provided). TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Mobile Food Trucks/Catering**

RL made a motion to approve as submitted 2023 Renewal Mobile Food Truck Danny's Ice Cream and More. AH seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued with the JJ and the Board regarding catering permits.

RL made a motion to tentatively approve pending a successful inspection on June 10<sup>th</sup> the 2023 Seasonal Catering Permit for Pete's Pushcarts, 18 Circuit Lane Waltham MA. AH Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

JJ stated she will contact Bob Buker to schedule an inspection on June 10<sup>th</sup> for all catering vendors.

#### **Betterment Loan**

TD made a motion to approve Barry and Lorna King, 782 Washington Street, East Bridgewater WPAT Loan Application. AH seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Housing

### *441 Summer Street*

JJ stated she had several prior calls regarding 441 Summer Street and just recently, a week ago Friday, calls started up again. JJ stated both landlord and tenants have attorneys involved.

JJ stated she received an email from LL, former chair stating that the board should be submitting housing letters not the health agent, JJ stated she does not agree with this process and discussed her reasons why to the board.

JJ stated housing code has a tight timeline and does not let you deviate from it. She stated an order letter needs to go out. RL asked if she had the order letter to present to the board for approval, JJ stated she did not. RL asked if the housing code has a strict timeline why didn't she have a letter tonight to approve. JJ stated she has been without her desk! JJ gave the board the housing order timeline stating 24 hours with five days to respond. JJ stated the health agent sends the order letter and then submits it to the board. JJ stated an order letter needs to be written and sent out. JJ stated the complaint came from the tenant regarding a slow draining toilet and cited other issues (carbon monoxide detector, bathroom fascia boards, slider lock, and tile chipped).

No motion was made.

### *165 Bridge St*

JJ stated there are Individuals living in a mobile home on the property. JJ stated, per a lawyer, to conduct a key test to determine if the individuals have legal access to the property. She asked the individuals for a key to the home which they provided.

JJ stated beyond the clutter the house is ok. Granddaughter and owner were present during the housing inspection. JJ stated the granddaughter has no ownership of the property. JJ stated the mobile home needs board approval. JJ stated there are no pumping records on the mobile home. JJ sited septic is old and does not allow for a camper. JJ stated zoning needs to be contacted. JJ is sending a letter to both the owner and the individuals of the mobile home regarding camper and bathroom concerns.

### *181 Pond St*

JJ stated occupant is not going back into the home. JJ stated the board has no course of action.

### *Request a variance from East Bridgewater Housing Authority due to new housing code*

JJ stated Housing code changed May 12, 2023, new inspection sheets new housing code. JJ explained the Housing Authorities request of keeping their 9 cubic feet refrigerators verses the new housing codes 11 cubic feet until such time they must replace the refrigerators.

RL asked for the Housing to submit a housing variance for the specific variance request. RL will contact Housing.

RL asked JJ for documentation of the new housing code.

**Town Nurse Course Compensation**

Board discussed paying for the town public nurses Certification.

RL made a motion to pay for the town’s public nurses’ courses for CPR retraining. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

*Health Agent Updates* as noted (see attachment)

**Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair -**

Andrew Hudson, Clerk, stated in open meeting he is waiving his quarterly board stipend.


The June 5<sup>th</sup> Rabies clinic was mentioned as a reminder to the public.

Discussion ensued regarding health agents upcoming leave and what needs to be in place prior to her going out. RL asked JJ to reach out to Bob Buker to set up a schedule and find out how he will be communicating with the board as well as the department. JJ is to submit this information to SA and the board prior to leaving. RL stated he also will be reaching out to Bob Buker.

*AH made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Robert Lyons, Chair

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Thomas Duquette, Vice Chair  
  
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Andrew Hudson, Clerk

This document is a summary of the events from the BOH meeting. For a detailed recording, please see the Town of East Bridgewater’s website. Go to [EBCAM Video On Demand - East Bridgewater Community Access Media \(eb-cam.org\)](http://EBCAM Video On Demand - East Bridgewater Community Access Media (eb-cam.org)) type in the Search bar – Board of Health – Click on Search.

# Health Agent Update

Date: May 15, 2023

1. **Site Assessments(ob/percs/etc)** –*New Construction*- Industrial Way- additional percs/ob site assessment . Repairs- 58 Metzler Rd, 549 Plymouth St, 592 N. Central St, 122 Cedar Street,
2. **Repairs**- Variances requested- 818 Cresent St, 622 Bridge Street *Board Approval Needed*
3. **Systems under construction** *Repair*-, 626 Bridge Street, 238 West Pond Street,337 North Central Street,

4. **New Construction**- none

5. **Food Inspections**-

**Routine Food Inspections** were done at Central School, Mitchell Middle School, and Jr/Sr. High School.

**Mobile Food Trucks**- Danny's Ice Cream Truck

6. **Housing** 1R\_17 West Union Street. 165 Bridge Street. 181 Pond Street and 441 Summer Street. (Please note, these are done under old Housing Code)  
**Housing Code** has changed as of May 12, 2023. New forms with the new citations, etc. are updated in my files.

Request for Housing Variances: from East Bridgewater Housing Authority to allow the existing 9.0 cf refrigerators instead of the required 11 cf refrigerators.

7. **Complaints**- Received call from DEP Strike Force- regard septage smell at 97 Broad Meadow Road. Caller reports that owner is pumping septage into back yard.

**Vaping-Concerns** regarding display and selling of “illegal” cartridges.

8. **Indoor Air Quality Report**- Attached

9. **Coverage while I out on Medical Leave**- This will be done by the Halifax Public Health Excellence Group. Bob Buker is the Administrative Coordinator. If this group is used, the cost is covered under their grant.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeanmarie Joyce, Health Agent*