

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
September 21st 2021 – Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on September 21st 2021 via Zoom online meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477470340> Present were:

- * John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- * JaiKaur LeBlanc, Chair
- * Donna Scotland, Board Member
- * Matt Fuller, PHD Board Member
- * Sarah Ward, RN PHN
- * Paul Saulnier, PE Civilized Solutions
- * Tim Callahan, PLS Hawkeye Eng.

Chair LeBlanc moved and Member Fuller seconded and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of August 16th at 6:00 PM.

Administrative Business:

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for: TBD (hiring)

6:09 PM Discussion COVID update:

Director McVeigh updated the Board on CoVid-19 concerning the Town of Millis . Massachusetts cases are trending upwards but more people are becoming vaccinated. Public Health Nurse Sarah Ward discussed a breakdown of school CoVid-19 cases and new State school mask mandate.

6:45 PM 21 Walnut Hill Ave Septic:

Paul Saulnier ,PE of Civilized Solutions Engineering has come to the Board for a variance at 21 Walnut Hill Ave. They request the Board approve allowing the existing failed chamber system to be excavated and replaced with a new trench bed system, leaving good septic gravel in place . This would be a considerable savings to the homeowner noting the previous system was installed after the 1995 Code changes.

On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc and seconded by Member Fuller, it was voted 3-0 to grant the variances under 310 CMR15. 413 & 255. This approval is contingent upon a preliminary deep hole excavation inspection and testing of any clean existing septic gravel being used.

7:15 PM 333 and 397 Village LUA:

Tim Callahan of Hawkeye Engineering has come to the Board for a variance, local upgrade approval at both 333 and 397 Village St. a 40 % reduction in the SAS size as allowed by the LUA with an Enviro-System Presby system . As well a 2 Ft groundwater separation maximum for >2 MPI and 3Ft for <2MPI percolation rate is also allowed under this system.

On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc and seconded by Member Scotland, it was voted 3-0 to grant the variances under 310CMR15.405 (1) (h)(c). requested for a local upgrade of groundwater reduction for 333 Village to 4.5 ft for < 2MPI percolation rate. A 40% reduction in the SAS for both 397 and 333 Village Street as requested. This approval is also contingent upon a deed restriction-notification of alternative system.

8:00 PM Payable approvals:

Allowable under M.G.L Ch 41 Section 6 the Board voted to allow the current Board Chair to sign for the payables along with the Directors signature.

On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc and seconded by Member Scotland, it was voted 3-0 to allow the new payable sign-off protocol with the Director and current Chair as secondary sign-off for the Board.

8:15 PM Fee Study:

Discussion concerning the fee review process utilizing area town fees vs CPI spreadsheet. Discussion on fees that are comparably much lower and fees that we do not charge that the Board may want to incorporate. Tobacco was singled out as being very low with the administrative work involved and inspections required. The Board will revisit the process at the next meeting working towards a final public hearing in November 2021.

8:30 PM Tobacco Compliance: Discussion of the latest compliance checks with two positive sales. Mobile Gas Station and One Stop Liquor. The Area MetroWest Tobacco Collaborative conducts the compliance checks with grant funding (which will be running out next year). The new State tobacco penalties for sales is very strict and carry large monetary fines.

8:45 PM Meeting Minutes: Discussion on the meeting minutes job position.

On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc, seconded by Member Fuller it was unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of September 21st, 2021 at 9:00 PM

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting notice agenda was posted on September 16th 2021

Director's Report September 2021

Public Health Nursing Report September 2021