

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
August 30, 2022 – Final**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on August 30th, 2022 via Zoom online meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83459317621>

Present were:

- * John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- * Matthew Fuller, Chair
- * JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member
- * Donna Scotland, Board Member
- * Kathy Lannon, MS, RN
- * Sarah Ward, RN Public Health Nurse
- * Heather Graham, Clerk III
- * Stephanie Hoban P.E. – Strong Point Engineering Solutions, Inc.
- * Melissa Recos P.E.- Beta Group, Inc.
- * Eric Dias P.E. – Strong Point Engineering Solutions, Inc.
- * Matthew Dixon – Dixon Construction, Inc.
- * Elizabeth Lydon, Attorney – Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC.

Chair Fuller moved and Member Scotland seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of August 30th, 2022 at 6:07 PM.

Administrative Business:

- a. The monthly report of the public health nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for July 11th, 2022 at 9:30 PM (All approved with noted corrections)

6:08 PM– Discussion CoVid/Flu update:

Director McVeigh, along with Public Health Nurse Ward, updated the Board on CoVid concerning the Town of Millis, Massachusetts. For July there were 53 confirmed cases, and for August there were 25 confirmed cases of CoVid in Millis. The CDC has Norfolk County, which includes Millis, at a low risk level for CoVid. Public Health Nurse Ward has received this year's Flu vaccines, which were BOH supplied for this year's Flu Clinic and Health Fair and scheduled to be held on October 15th, 2022 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Building (VMB). The schools will open this year with no mask mandate. Only children who are symptomatic will be tested in school. There are currently 280 cases of monkeypox in Massachusetts. Currently there are 14 health care providers in the state that are offering monkeypox vaccines.

6:32 PM – 1480 Main St. EHIR: GTE Millis, LLC Cultivation:

Eric Dias from Strong Point Engineering representing GTE Millis, LLC went over the basin slopes on-site at 1480 Main St. Eric explained that Mass DEP Stormwater Standards are 3:1 for a slope basin and was questioning why Millis BOH standards are 4:1. The BOH had requested at the meeting on July 11th, 2022 specific examples of 3:1 slope plantings to be submitted for review. Jute matting, a geotextile, was discussed and it was explained that this matting can help establish initial plantings without runoff. Member LeBlanc requested that the

inside basin be a 3:1 slope with the use of jute mesh and that a 4:1 slope be used on the outside of the basin. The BOH agreed that this would be a good compromise.

7:08 PM – Dover Estates Slopes:

There is a concern over the slopes at the Dover Estates where the BOH gave a variance March 12, 2018 to have the hill behind the 4-house subdivision be a 3:1 slope. Melissa from BETA said that although the slope is unappealing with no plantings successfully grown, the slope is stable with no erosion. The lack of erosion is most likely due to the type of soil at the site, which is sandy loam. At this point there is nothing for the BOH to enforce, and it is up to the homeowner's association to address any issues with visual appeal. It was suggested to avoid similar situations in the future to require on a steep slope that the following should be used: stone retaining walls, geotextile matting for plantings or a step type of slope.

7:31 PM – McDonalds Irrigation Well Variance:

Matt Dixon of Dixon, Inc. representing McDonalds is seeking 2 variances from the Millis BOH well regulation to be located at 808 Main St.

The first variance request is to have the well be 2.1 feet from the edge of a traveled way. Current regulations require 55 feet from the edge of a traveled way. The second variance is to have the well to be 14.4 feet from the lot line. Current regulations require 25 feet from any lot line.

BOH felt that a municipal connection hose and watering by hand could do the same job as an irrigation well. A motion was made by Chair Fuller to approve the variances and permit; Chair Fuller, Member LeBlanc and Member Scotland denied approval of variance and permit for well application to the distances of the variances requested.

8:08 PM – Upcoming Board Hearing on 617 Marijuana Operational Permit:

Elizabeth Lydon Attorney with Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC. (MTC) helped navigate the best way to have the public hearing for the 617-Therapeutics Marijuana operational permit. In-person, hybrid or full remote options were discussed. Attorney Lydon explained how each option has its own pros and cons. The BOH, after discussing options, decided that a full remote hearing on October 3rd, 2022 is the best approach due to potential CoVid issues and room size. There were also concerns the BOH voiced about the report dated June 23rd, 2022 by Mike Lannan of Tech Environmental, Inc. for this project being incomplete and leaving open areas that needed addressing by the applicant. Without a definitive report clearly addressing Phase 1 and 2 of the project, the public meeting date may need to be changed. Director McVeigh will reach out to consultant to finalize the report.

9:01 PM – Accounts Payable Signature Vote:

A vote is needed each July/August to re-assign a signatory to approve the accounts payables for the BOH. Historically, the BOH has assigned the current Chair as the authorized person to approve accounts payable. A motion was made by Member LeBlanc that the BOH appoint Matthew Fuller as the signatory to approve accounts payables for a term of one year. Member Scotland seconded the motion. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Discussions:

9:31 PM – Laura Flagg is our new Masters in Public Health intern from UMass Lowell. She will be starting on Thursday, September 1, 2022, and will be with us until Spring 2023. Laura Flagg has interests in opioid addiction, as well as nutrition. She will be working with Sarah

Ward, our Public Health Nurse, as well as the Town Social Worker, Fire and Police departments.

Director McVeigh is awaiting the letter from DAR (Department of Agriculture) regarding the herbicide application violation at the Regency at Glen Ellen by their landscape company. Once the letter is received Director McVeigh will reach out to Glen Ellen management and concerned residents to let them know the DAR's response.

A motion was made by Member Scotland, seconded by Member LeBlanc, and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of August 30th, 2022 at 9:47 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting notice agenda was posted on August 24th, 2022

Director's Report August 30th, 2022

Public Health Nursing Report August 30th, 2022