

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
December 12, 2022 – Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on December 12, 2022 via Zoom online meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84145018815>

Present were:

- * John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- * Matthew Fuller, Chair
- * JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member
- * Donna Scotland, Board Member
- * Kathy Lannon, MS, RN
- * Daniel Merrikin, P.E. – Legacy Engineering, LLC.
- * Melissa Recos P.E - Beta Group, Inc.

Chair Fuller moved and Member Scotland seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of December 12th, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

Administrative Business:

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for September 19, 2022 and October 3, 2022 at 9:09 PM (All approved with noted corrections)

6:04 PM– Discussion CoVid/Flu update:

Director McVeigh, along with Public Health Nurse Ward's report, updated the Board on CoVid concerning the Town of Millis, Massachusetts. For November and to date in December there have been 41 confirmed cases of CoVid in Millis. The CDC has identified Norfolk County, which includes Millis, at a medium risk level for CoVid.

The current estimated severity of influenza according to mass.gov is very high for the week of 11/27 to 12/3. The percentage of influenza-like illness visits in Massachusetts was 5.74 % and 2.87% of hospitalizations were associated with influenza. Currently, only 38.77 % of Massachusetts residents have received an influenza vaccine.

The Bladder Cancer screening for the Town of Millis Firefighters will take place on December 14, 2022.

Discussions:

6:28 PM – EHIR 1178 Main Street

Daniel Merrikin, P.E. from Legacy Engineering, LLC went over the initial EHIR plans for a development that will be located at Main Street and Hammond Lane. There will be two apartment buildings with a total of 24 units. There are two very old wells located on the North side of the property that will need to be properly filled to avoid collapse and/or groundwater contamination. They are awaiting comments from Conservation Commission on the wetlands and then further revision will take place, with approval for EHIR at a later meeting.

6:42 PM – GROUNDWATER

There was a lengthy discussion on town sewer vs. septic systems and how the town has flipped in the percentage of each to now be closer to 60/40 sewer to septic ratio. This change can affect the recharging of the groundwater according to DEP. The Board agreed as a whole to add to each month's agenda a groundwater discussion. The 30-year old Board of Health regulation regarding mandatory tie-in to the town sewer if a septic fails and sewer runs by the property was discussed.

9:10 PM - Director McVeigh updated the Board of Health on two vacant properties that are currently undergoing revitalization: 251 Village St. and 145 Acorn St.

A motion was made by Member Scotland, seconded by Chair Fuller, and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of December 12, 2022, at 9:12 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting agenda notice was posted on December 9, 2022

Director's Report December 12, 2022

Public Health Nursing Report December 12, 2022