

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 23, 2023 – Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on January 23, 2023 via Zoom online meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82785093657>

**Present were:**

- \* John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- \* Sarah Ward, RN Public Health Nurse
- \* Matthew Fuller, Chair
- \* JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member
- \* Donna Scotland, Board Member
- \* Kathy Lannon, MS, RN
- \* Greg Bunavicz, P.E. – Borderland Engineering, Inc.
- \* Nancy Downes - Oceana

Chair Fuller moved and Member Scotland seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of January 23, 2023 at 6:04 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for October 17, 2022, November 14, 2022 and December 12, 2022 have been tabled until the next meeting.

**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. The CDC has identified Norfolk County, which includes Millis, at a medium risk level for CoVid.

According to mass.gov current estimated severity of influenza in the state is high. As of December 30, 2022 the percentage of influenza-like illness in Massachusetts was at 4.3 % and 2.85 % of hospitalizations were associated with influenza. Currently, only 42.76 % of Massachusetts residents have received an influenza vaccine.

The Bladder Cancer screening for the Town of Millis Firefighters took place on December 15, 2022 and was also offered a flu vaccine at the same time.

Public Health Nurse Ward brought up wanting to create a Town of Millis – Board of Health page on Facebook. This would be a purely informational site where no commenting would be allowed. The Public Health Nurse would be the administrator of this account.

## **Discussions:**

### **6:24 PM – 61 Walnut St. – Eljen GSF**

Greg Bunavicz from Borderland Engineering, Inc. is looking to have an Eljen GSF alternative system installed at 61 Walnut Street, which is approved by State. The BOH asks that all alternative systems are reviewed by the board. The Eljen State approval allows for a 2-foot to groundwater variance and will be gravity feed. As noted, a deed restriction is required.

### **6:44 PM – Plastics**

Nancy Downes from Oceana presented some amendments to the current bylaw on plastics reduction in the Town of Millis. The amendments would help close loopholes in the current bylaw. Nancy wanted the Board of Health's input on amendments before it is presented to the Select Board for approval in the spring Town Meeting Warrant.

### **7:20 PM - 251 Village Street Fines**

Director McVeigh asked the Board of Health to rescind nuisance fines at 251 Village Street that were issued to the previous owner and then transferred to the current owner. The current owner cleaned up the yard and house immediately after taking possession. Member Scotland moved and Member LeBlanc seconded, and it was unanimously voted to rescind fines issued to 251 Village Street at 8:00 PM.

### **8:04 PM – Ground Water and Cell Towers**

There was a lengthy discussion on groundwater, aquifers, and potentially changing some wording on the 1996 BOH regulation that mandates sewer connection with a failed Title V and sewer being availability. The proposed two-foot groundwater to foundation bylaw discussion on new homes was also discussed.

The Board of Health along with numerous town departments received a letter from a resident regarding 5G-cell tower issues. There was discussion on the issue regarding BOH vs zoning actions concerning the same.

A motion was made by Member Scotland, seconded by Chair Fuller, and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of January 23, 2023 at 9:02 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting agenda notice was posted on January 18, 2023

Director's Report January 23, 2023

Public Health Nursing Report January 20, 2023