

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 13, 2023 – Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on February 13, 2023 via Zoom online meeting:  
**ID <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646324805>**

**Present were:**

- John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- Sarah Ward, RN Public Health Nurse
- Matthew Fuller, Chair
- Donna Scotland, Board Member
- Kathy Lannon, MS, RN
- William Gottwald P.E. – DMG Associates
- Kevin Patel – Richdales

**Absent were:**

- JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member

Chair Fuller moved and Member Scotland seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of February 13, 2023 at 6:08 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for October 17, 2022, November 14, 2022, December 12, 2022, and January 23, 2023 have been tabled.

**6:04 PM– Discussion CoVid/Flu update:**

Director McVeigh reviewed the Public Health Nurse Ward's report with the Board and 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 low. As of February 3, 2023 the percent hospitalizations that were associated with influenza was at 3.6%. Currently only 44 % of Massachusetts residents have received an influenza vaccine.

Public Health Nurse Ward along with Amy Leone the town's social worker presented to Fincom a budget for use of the Opioid abatement funds to the Select Board. PHN Ward is looking into the process of obtaining a license for Narcan. The license fee has been waived by the state due to the current opioid epidemic. A priority of the opioid abatement funds budget is to be able to purchase Narcan boxes to be placed in public buildings such as schools, library, and the town hall.

**Agenda:**

**6:24 PM – 225 Pleasant St – Septic Variance**

William Gottwald from DMG Associates is looking for a variance request to use sieve analysis rather than a perc test at 225 Pleasant Street due to high groundwater at the time of perc. Motion made by Chair Fuller and Seconded by Member Scotland to approve the variance

request for Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) to use a sieve analysis instead of perc test due to high groundwater. In accordance with regulation 310cmr 15.14 and regulation 310cmr 15.451.

#### **7:00 PM – Richdale Food Shop - Tobacco Violation**

Kevin Patel Manager of Richdale Food Shop is asking the Board of Health to reduce the number of days he is not allowed to sell tobacco products due to a compliance check violation. On January 28, 2023 an employee sold tobacco products to an underage tobacco control agent for which Richdale was issued a \$1,000 fine as well as a two-day suspension from selling tobacco products. Chair Fuller motioned and Member Scotland seconded that the number of days tobacco products could not be sold be reduced to one day which will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

#### **7:40 PM – 5G Cell Towers and Sewer connections**

There was a quick discussion on 5G-cell towers and according to local Board of Health regulation mandated sewer connections after a failed Title V criteria.

A motion was made by Member Scotland, seconded by Chair Fuller, and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of February 13, 2023 at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting agenda notice was posted on February 9, 2023

Director's Report February 9, 2023

Public Health Nursing Report February 6, 2023