

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 26, 2023 – Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on June 26, 2023 via Zoom online meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81691425209>

**Present were:**

- John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- Matthew Fuller, Chair
- Donna Scotland, Board Member
- JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member
- Brian Finnell – Regency at Glen Ellen, Rules and Regulations Committee Member
- Robert Shelmerdine, Esq – Regency at Glen Ellen, Rules and Regulations Committee Member
- David Goldman –Regency at Glen Ellen, Trustee
- Lawrence Hirsch – Regency at Glen Ellen, Rules and Regulations Committee Chair
- Gina Meleski – Power of Attorney (POA), 112 Orchard St.

Member Scotland moved and Member LeBlanc seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of June 26, 2023 at 6:05 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for May 22, 2023 have been tabled until the next meeting.

**6:40 PM– Discussion COVid/Flu update:**

Director McVeigh reviewed the Public Health Nurse Ward's (PHNW) report with the Board and updated the Board on health concerns in the Town of Millis, Massachusetts. The FDA has released guidelines for pharmaceutical companies working on a fall booster for COVID-19. PHNW continues to conduct disease investigation and surveillance as required and participates in bi-weekly interagency webinars with the Department of Public Health.

The blood pressure clinics at the Council on Aging (COA) continue with the assistance of a volunteer nurse. A presentation on tickborne illnesses and prevention was conducted at the COA on June 6<sup>th</sup> and is planning a presentation on dehydration/heat stroke in July. The PHN obtained 5 trail signs from the CDC for tick awareness and prevention. One sign has been placed at Oak Grove Farm, permission is being sought from The Trustees of Reservation to place a sign at Cedariver Preserve. The remaining 3 signs will be installed by the DPW on town property.

The Town of Millis – Board of Health Facebook page is active. The PHN posts information related to tickborne illnesses, mosquitos, and water/swim safety. PHN held a food drive for the Millis Food Pantry that was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Roche Bros. This was a huge success and the community appreciated the opportunity to have a list of most needed items.

**Agenda:**

**6:14 PM – Regency at Glen Ellen (RGE) Pool Lifeguard Variance**

Members from the Rules and Regulations committee from Regency at Glen Ellen presented creative ways to have the pool open off hours. A matrix was presented (see attached) of potential alternatives to always having a lifeguard on duty while the pool is open. BOH will confer with Town Council on the potential legal consequences of allowing such variance. Hearing to be continued to July 10, 2023 meeting.

**7:30 PM – 112 Orchard St. Waiver to BOH Sewer Regulation:**

Gina Meleski, POA( Power of Attorney) of 112 Orchard St, is seeking a waiver from the subsurface sewer disposal system regulation section 10, The Board granted a waiver for the requirement to hook up to municipal sewer and to allow for the installation of the septic system pursuant to title 5. Motion made by Chair Fuller to grant the waiver, seconded by Member Scotland motion passed 3-0.

**7:48 PM – Amendment to BOH Sewer Regulation**

Member LeBlanc made a motion to amend the 2006 subsurface sewer disposal system regulation, section 10 per below, Chair Fuller seconded.

**Current wording:** The owner or occupant of any building, (dwelling or facility), which is located upon land abutting on a public or private way in which there is a municipal sewer, shall within two years of a failing Title 5 Inspection, 310 CMR 15.300-15.340, connect the same therewith, by sufficient sewer connection.

**New wording:** The owner or occupant of any building, (dwelling or facility), which is located upon land abutting on a public or private way in which there is a municipal sewer, **may connect and if directed by the Board of Health shall** within two years of a failing Title 5 Inspection, 310 CMR 15.300-15.340, connect the same therewith, by sufficient sewer connection.

**Added wording to end of section 10: This sewer connection regulation supersedes any other regulation concerning the same.**

**8:17 PM - BOH Chair**

Member LeBlanc nominated current member Donna Scotland to be the new Chair effective July 1, 2023, seconded by Chair Fuller. Motion passed 2-0.

**8:22 PM – Appointment of Agents**

Director McVeigh explains what alternative agents are and why we need them for emergencies. Motion made by Chair Fuller to approve tobacco, burial, and health appointments for FY 24, seconded by Member Scotland. Motion passed unanimously.

**8:25 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 Chair Fuller that the BOH appoint Donna Scotland as the signatory to approve accounts payable for a term of one year. Member LeBlanc seconded the motion. The appointment was approved 2-0.

**8:30 PM – Discussions**

Board discussed lifeguards at the Regency at Glen Ellen and how to proceed with specific requirements that the Board might want implemented if they approve attendants as opposed to lifeguards.

A motion was made by Member Scotland, seconded by Member LeBlanc, and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of June 26, 2023 at 9:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting agenda notice was posted on June 21, 2023

Director's Report June 26, 2023

Public Health Nurse Report June 26, 2023