

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 7, 2023 –Approved**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on Monday, August 7th 2023 6:00 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632672816>.

**Present were:**

- John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- Matthew Fuller, Board Member
- Donna Scotland, Chair
- JaiKaur LeBlanc, Board Member
- Sarah Ward, Public Health Nurse
- Robert Gracie, Resident 101 Orchard St

Chair Scotland moved, and Member Fuller seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of August 7, 2023 at 6:05 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

- a. The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for May 22, 2023, June 26, 2023, and July 10, 2023 were approved with notated corrections.

**6:05 PM– Discussion COVID/Flu update:**

Public Health Nurse Ward (PHNW) updated the Board on health concerns in the Town. Tick-related disease cases are at 10 for the month of July and COVID-19 cases are at 6. COVID-19 cases have been trending up in the last several weeks.

The Millis Board of Health has been accepted into the Community Narcan Program by the State of MA. Please see the PHNW report for the full report.

**Agenda:**

**6:15 PM – 101 Orchard St. Emergency Beaver Trap Request**

Mr. Gracie resident of 101 Orchard St. requested an Emergency Beaver Trapping Permit at this property due to a dam that was built under his legal driveway (bridge section) causing flooding of said bridge. The Board of Health voted 3-0 to issue a 10-day emergency Beaver Permit contingent upon the following: At Mr. Gracie's expense, a beaver device as specified by Mike Callahan of Beaver Solution Inc. within 2 weeks of trapping of the current beavers involved in the culvert/bridge blockage at 101 Orchard St. Operation and maintenance schedule as recommended by Mike Callahan is required.

**7:18 PM – Groundwater Foundation**

The Board of Health is going to present to the Enterprise Advisory Committee(EAC) on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM the proposal for adding wording to the Stormwater regulation requiring a minimum of 2-foot foundation to groundwater separation. The EAC would then bring the

proposal to the Select Board with their recommendation as to add or not to add to the regulation.

#### **7:25 PM – Appointment Tobacco Agent**

Director McVeigh explained that we have a new Tobacco Agent, Parivallal Thillaigovindan BAMS, MSc, MPH with the Tobacco Control Program for the MetroWest District. Motion made by Member Fuller to approve tobacco appointment for FY 24, seconded by Member LeBlanc voted 3-0 to approve the appointment.

#### **7:29 PM – Discussions**

BOH went over May 22, June 26, and July 10, 2023 meeting minutes and made corrections.

A motion was made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Fuller, and it was unanimously voted to close the Board of Health meeting of August 7, 2023 at 8:53 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting agenda notice was posted on August 1, 2023

Director's Report August 7, 2023

Public Health Nurse Report August 7, 2023