

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
July 11, 2022 – Final**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on July 11th, 2022 via Zoom online meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88412739527>

Present were:

- * John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- * JaiKaur LeBlanc, Chair
- * Donna Scotland, Board Member
- * Matthew Fuller, PhD Board Member
- * Kathy Lannon, MS, RN
- * Sarah Ward, RN Public Health Nurse
- * Heather Graham, Clerk III
- * Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering
- * Stephanie Hoban P.E. – Strong Point Engineering Solutions, Inc.
- * Melissa Recos P.E.- Beta
- * Jemin Patel – GTE Millis, LLC
- * Eric Dias P.E. – Strong Point Engineering Solutions, Inc.

Chair LeBlanc moved and Member Fuller seconded, and it was unanimously voted to open the Millis Board of Health meeting of July 11th, 2022 at 6:03 PM.

Administrative Business:

- a. The monthly report of the public health nurse
- b. The meeting minutes for June 6th, 2022 at 6:16 PM (All approved with noted corrections)

6:17 PM– Discussion CoVid/Flu update:

Director McVeigh along with the Public Health Nurse Ward updated the Board on CoVid concerning the Town of Millis, Massachusetts. For the month of June there were 51 confirmed cases in town, and the CDC this afternoon has Millis at a medium risk level for CoVid. The state positivity level has gone up slightly to 7.87%. It is hard to judge where CoVid positivity percent stands as more people are doing at-home tests, which are not reported to the state. There are currently no updates from the state or schools if testing will continue for the new school year.

6:30 PM – 1480 Main St. EHIR: GTE Millis, LLC Cultivation

Melissa Recos from BETA gave a quick review of the project. To date, the project has been reviewed by the Planning Board and has also gone through the Conservation Commission review. Melissa said that there is substantial amount of wetlands on the site. This is also the first time the project has been put in front of the Board of Health and wanted to give some background on the project itself and where they are in the permitting process.

Stephanie with Strong Point Engineering Solutions, Inc. gave a brief overview of what GTE Millis, LLC is proposing; a 73,000 sq ft cultivation facility with town water and sewer. Stephanie then shared her screen showing where the wetlands are located on the site on the West and South

parts of the property. There is also a flood zone located on-site which FEMA has granted a LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) . They are going to restore a large portion of the buffer zone located on the west side of the property that is currently paved or broken pavement that has been reclaimed by invasive plants. They will be increasing the pavement but keeping as much work out of the buffer zones as possible while mitigating the stormwater with a series of infiltration basins, both surface and underground, through the site in order to decrease or meet the existing flows.

Test pits in each of the basin areas for storm water infiltration were performed back in April with BETA and Director McVeigh present. There was infiltration on the northwest, north, and northeast part of the property. GTE will need to change a few elevations based off ground water from the additional test pits which were different from the original test pits given. GTE will have new elevations to BOH before the next meeting.

To date GTE have been in front of the Planning Board and received site plan approval and Conservation Commission has given the order of conditions. GTE will be working on the odor and noise plan, which will be under separate review and is not part of the EHIR process. Importantly, this is why the BOH had not yet seen this project as there was some confusion as to whether the odor and noise plan was part of this review. Part of the stormwater drainage will tie into the municipal storm water system, which will require a separate filing with the selectman.

Melissa from BETA's peer review went over the 4 variances that will have to be made and submitted to the BOH for review at the August meeting. StrongPoint Engineering currently have the slopes as 3 to 1 and not the required 4 to1. Eric Dias said that they can mitigate the erosion with specific soils, seed and plantings. The board asked that they have specific examples of 3 to1 slope plantings to review at next meeting in August.

7:28 PM – 50 Causeway St. LUA Septic: GLM Engineering is looking to have an Eljen GSF alternative system installed, which is approved by State. BOH asks that all alternative systems are reviewed by board for approval. looking for a variance to allow for 2 feet to ground water to keep existing vegetation and have a gravity feed. Motion made by member Fuller to approve the alternative system with deed restrictions required. Seconded by Member Scotland, and it was unanimously voted to approve the system.

7:45 PM – Appointments Agents: Director McVeigh explains what alternative Agents are and why we need them for emergencies. Motion made by Member Scotland to approve tobacco, burial and health appointments for FY 23, seconded by Chair LeBlanc, and it was unanimously voted to approve the appointment agents.

Discussion:

7:46 PM – Namaste tobacco violation on June 8, 2022 by DOR. Namaste Convenience Store had previous violations, one in 2018 and another in 2019, but those were for underage sale and this current one is for no Mass tax stamp. They will have their license suspended for 30 days starting August 4, 2022.

Regency Glen Ellen had a herbicide complaint. Landscape company is using Roundup and residents are having allergic reactions to the chemical. Director McVeigh has had conversations with management company and they are not forthcoming on their directions on mixing of the chemical. Director McVeigh is to write a statement of concern and send it along to management and will also forward these concerns to the Department of Agriculture.

Residents of Regency should also be asked to write letters to the DAR(Department of Agriculture). with complaints about the use of round up.

Lifeguards - While Director McVeigh was at Regency in the management office on June 30th, between 1 and 2 pm to talk to residents and management regarding herbicide application, he observed that there were approximately 6 children in the pool all under the approximate age of 12. The BOH approved the pool, but only with lifeguards concerned residents clearly stated that this is an over 55 community that would not need lifeguards because they are adults not children. There were lifeguards present on June 30, 2022 while Director McVeigh was present. The Regency at Glen Ellen Trustees reportedly will be looking for waivers for FY 2023 from lifeguards.

8:23 PM – Reorganization Chair BOH

A motion was made by Chair LeBlanc that the BOH appoint Matthew Fuller as the Chair of the BOH effective July 12th, 2022 for a term of one year. Member Scotland seconded. The appointment was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Fuller, seconded by Member Scotland it was unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of July 11th, 2022 at 8:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Room/Virtual: TBD

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting notice agenda was posted on July 5th, 2022

Director's Report July 11th, 2022

Public Health Nursing Report July 11th, 2022