

**TOWN OF MILLIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 7, 2021 – Draft**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on June 7, 2021 via Zoom online meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89289044742>. Present were:

- \* John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- \* JaiKaur LeBlanc, Chair
- \* Donna Scotland, Board Member
- \* Nancy Downes, Oceana, Plastic Ban
- \* Paul Saulnier, Engineer, Civilized Solutions
- \* Paul DeSimone, Colonial Engineering
- \* Jim Borrebach, OHI Engineering, Inc.

Chair LeBlanc moved and Member Scotland seconded and it was unanimously voted that the Millis Board of Health meeting of June 7, 2021 at 7:08 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

- I. **Nurse's Report:** The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse was reviewed.
- II. **Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes could not be approved because one Board Member was missing at this June, 2021 meeting.

**7:09 PM: Discussion: COVID update:** Director McVeigh updated the Board on COVID. The town of Millis is now in grey which means less than or equal to 10 total cases. The states cases are decreasing and more and more people are becoming vaccinated.

**7:20 PM: 96 Acorn Street upgrade:** Engineer Paul Saulnier of Civilized solutions has come to the Board for a variance, local upgrade approval at 96 Acorn Street. Title V says 4 feet and they are asking for a reduction from 4 feet to 3.3 feet. This will allow them to avoid the use of a pump. Pump systems can be costly and complex They are including an affluent filter in the outlet of the tank. This reduces the load on the leaching field. On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc and seconded by Member Scotland, it was unanimously voted to grant the variance requested for a local upgrade of groundwater from 4 feet to 3.3 feet.

**7:48 PM: South End Farm testing results:** A re-draft of the results was submitted and reviewed. No pesticides or herbicides were detected over the 18 different sample rounds conducted. Groundwater quality standards were met. Director McVeigh will compose a letter stating the Board is satisfied with the testing results reported.

**7:59 PM: Plastic Ban bylaw:** Nancy Downes from Oceana is here to discuss how Millis could help ban single use plastics. She would like to work with the town to find the problem items and then possibly form a study committee to help with this ban. More information can be found at [www.massgreen.org](http://www.massgreen.org).

**8:22 PM: 617-THC Odor-Noise study:** The Board discussed a possible marijuana cultivation facility at 1073 Main Street. Odor and sound nuisance is a concern. The Board is working with Mike Lannon, consultant and attorney, Kate Federoff to form a study/report on odor and noise nuisance for a later meeting to review. Kate will be also drafting a preliminary plan.

**8:22 PM: Cannabis operating permit fee discussion:** The Board discussed operating fees and whether or not the fees should be increased? Discussion on doing a fee study seeing what surrounding towns charge then reporting back so the board can discuss further. Also, a new fee needs to be in place for CommCan's marijuana operating fee. Chair LeBlanc made a motion to table voting on the marijuana operating fee until the full board is in attendance. Member Scotland seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

On a motion made by Chair LeBlanc, seconded by Member Scotland and unanimously approved to close the Board of Health meeting of June 7, 2021 at 8:42 PM.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting notice agenda June 7, 2021 was posted on June 2, 2021.

Director's Report June, 2021

Public Health Nursing Report