

Board of Health Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.



1. **Roll Call:** Chris Nocella absent
2. **Additions/Deletions:** None
3. **Septic Permits for Review:** None
4. **6 Barker Hill Road, 152 Barker Hill Road Housing Update:** The Fire Department contacted the Board of Health regarding 152 and 6 Barker Hill Road for sanitary conditions outside and inside the home. 6 Barker Hill was sent a letter and Rick Metcalf and Gary Shepherd, Fire Chief, visited without entrance. Rick Metcalf, Sanitarian, would like to know how the Board would like to proceed. Town Counsel has stated it is not the responsibility of the Board of Health, but certain steps should be taken to remediate the situation without counsel involvement. Both units are single family homes and owner occupied. The Board asked if taxes were paid. Carla Walter, Health Administrator reminded the Board they have sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for a joint meeting to discuss these items. The Board signed the letter. Residents of Ponderosa Drive were present at the meeting and provided pictures of debris of a house on Ponderosa Drive. The Board discussed what they would be able to see on the road for the property. Overgrowth of trees had caused a fire and Unitil needed to come cut the trees. 1 Oak Circle is similar issue can't see inside the house. A member of the public audience provided pictures of unregistered vehicles on the property. He stressed he's concerned about the husband; has not seen him in months. Vehicles are up to windows with recycling. No answers at the door for several days and from what he could see inside the house it appeared that there was hoarding, and access would be an issue. Neighbor took pictures of her vehicle parking in a grocery store parking lot where he saw her. Property owners of Oak Circle are in the late/mid 60's. Rick Metcalf didn't see a lot of information on the pictures to warrant the Boards involvement but suggested the Police do a well check. If the Police ask for our help we could possibly contact Elder Services to get involved.
5. **Increasing Board of Health Fees:** Continued to a full board.
6. **Annual Food Permits past due:** Rick Metcalf suggested letting the Selectmen know before Common Vic licenses are due. Gavin asked if Family Dollar had a tobacco violations. They did not.
7. **Recycling Center Entrance:** Continued to a full board.
8. **Invoices** signed as submitted.
9. **Minutes** of September were signed as submitted.
10. **Future agenda** items discussed.
11. **A MOTION was made by JL and 2nd by GB to adjourn the meeting. Voting 2/0 MOTION passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.**



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Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00pm, EST
Board of Health members and staff will meet in the
Meeting Room 2 Memorial Hall 272 Main Street

This meeting of the Board of Health will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that, while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person versus virtual attendance accordingly. Dial-in number: 605-313-4278 Access code: 5843884 PIN Online meeting ID: cwalter17

PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Additions or Deletions not anticipated 48 hours in advance.

APPOINTMENT/HEARINGS

- 1.3 Septic Permits for review - NONE
- 1.4 6 Barker Hill Road – Housing Update
- 1.5 1 Oak Circle – Housing Update
- 1.6 152 Barker Hill Road – Housing Update
- 1.7 Increasing BOH Permit Fees : Single Component Septic \$50, Complete Upgrade \$75, Haulers TBD
- 1.8 Annual Food Permits past due: Pizza Pizzaz, Family Dollar, Walgreens, Gary's Farm Stand Too

WORK SESSION

- 1.9 Recycling Center Entrance Update – continued to full quorum.
- 1.10 Invoices
- 1.11 Minutes September 2023
- 1.12 Future Agenda Items
 - 1.12.1 Tobacco Regulations Update – TBD
 - 1.12.2 Next Meetings: 12/26 TBD

ADJOURNMENT