

**Minutes for
Town of Hanson
Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

Meeting Start Time: 4:00pm

Place: 542 Liberty Street, Hanson Town Hall
Second Floor Meeting Room.

Having a quorum, Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Present: Mr. Perkins, Ms. Dias, Mr. Amado, Ms. Cocio

Absent:

NEW BUSINESS

I. New Business:

- 1) Approve minutes from Board of Health meeting held on August 8, 2023– Ms. Dias made a motion to approve the BOH minutes for August 8, 2023, 2nd by Mr. Perkins 2-0.
- 2) Transfer Station Committee – Ms. Dias is interested in being appointed as long the meeting time is acceptable. Mr. Perkins made a motion to appoint Ms. Dias to the Transfer Station Committee, 2nd by Ms. Dias. 2-0
- 3) Sausage Homemade – 421 Franklin Street. Ms. Glinna Tassinari came before the Board to see if she is able to change the inspection schedule set forth in Title V, which requires grease traps to be inspected monthly and pumped every 3 months or when 25% full. The Board does not think the level of use lives up to pumping every 3 months. The Board believes they are able to grant a variance to the grease trap pumping as it is not listed as such in Title V. Ms. Tassinari will submit a variance request for relief from the grease trap pumping. She will also submit most recent Well testing report completed in February.
- 4) Title V Inspections - Ms. Dias made a motion to add the following to the Supplemental Regulations, 2nd by Mr. Perkins. Moving forward all Title V inspections must include exposing all Title V components. Photographs of all of the exposed components should be attached to the Title V report. Utilizing an underground camera or scope will only be permitted with prior approval by the BOH. These changes will be effective August 29, 2023.
- 5) Transfer Station update – Ms. Dias will reach out to the committee. Mr. Amado reached out on 8/9 & 8/29 to Jerry Dugan at Harvey regarding the compactor pressure gauges. Mr. Amado will send another email out and cc as many contacts as possible.
- 6) Town Meeting Articles –
 - Animal Inspector - Ms. Dias made a motion to increase the Wage & Personnel by law wage line for the animal inspector to be \$3,000 - \$3,500, 2nd by Mr. Perkins.
 - Article 22 – Ms. Dias made a motion approve the amended Town Meeting Article for the Transfer Station, 2nd by Mr. Perkins.
- 7) Wind River Title V Inspections - Ms. Noonan of 401 Brook Street submitted a letter to the Board regarding several issues with Wind River. The Board has already suspended the permit for the inspector in questions.
- 8) Trash Contract – Ms. Dias will reach out to Todd Koep from DEP to see what information they have. Perhaps placing an add in the Whitman Hanson Express to see if there are local companies interested.
- 9) Health Agent Review – The Health Agent weekly written reports need to be more detailed so anyone that reads them can clearly understand what it all means. Information may be redacted so the reports can be /included with the minutes. Mr. Amado has completed the Time Management class (7/2023) as well as a Climate Change course (8/2023). Ms. Dias is still concerned the Mr. Amado has not completed the Soil Evaluator class. Mr. Perkins does not believe that it is necessary for him to complete the course. Mr. Amado

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will come before the Board if he believes that he needs to utilize an outside inspector for food inspections. Mr. Perkins believes that the workload is full and if witnessing of percs is added it would take him out of the office on a greater frequency. It has been working well with others conducting the witnessing. This will be revisited at the next meeting. Ms. Dias will contact other Boards of Health and see how other Towns handle the witnessing of percs. Ms. Dias would like to see more public education for various items i.e. ticks, mosquitos etc.

- 10) Public Health Nurse – Last meeting it was discussed to hire the Nurse in Whitman. Ms. Dias wants the Health Agent to run the Communicable Disease MAVEN report so the Board knows what is going on in Town regarding diseases. Ms. Cocio will reach out to the Nurse in Whitman to see if she is interested in working on a temporary basis to run the Communicable Disease report. Ms. Cocio will post the position in the WH Express. Ms. Dias made a motion to advertise the Public Health Nurse position, 2nd by Mr. Perkins.
- 11) Septic Plans for Approval
 - a. **409 Gorwin Drive** –4 bedroom - Ms. Dias made a motion to approve the plan as submitted, 2nd by Mr. Perkins. 2-0
 - i. Allow the proposed SAS to be 10’ from a cellar wall instead of the 20’ required.
- 7) Agent Report – Trees are overgrown at the transfer station. RDP funds can be used for tree removal. Stonebridge and the Hanson Middle School will be put on notice by Mass DEP to have their treatment plants repaired.
- 8) Project Updates –
 - Kiwanee** – No update
 - Green Hanson** – No update
 - South Shore Recycling Cooperative** – No update
 - Emergency Planning** – No update
 - Transfer Station** – No update

Upcoming Board of Health Meetings: September 19, October 17, November 14, December 12, January 9

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ms. Dias, 2nd by Mr. Perkins. 2-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:44.

Kevin Perkins, Acting Chair

Arlene Dias, Member

Documents used at August 29, 2023 Hanson Board of Health Meeting:

- 409 Gorwin Drive – Plan and application
- 421 Franklin Street – Septic As-Built & Title V Grease Trap section.
- Current Trash Contract
- Complaint letter regarding Wind River Environmental
- Minutes from August 8, 2023 Board of Health Meeting
- Resident letter from 401 Brook Street