

# BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



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## TOWN OF MILLBURY NOVEMBER 9, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

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**Meeting Location:** Millbury Town Hall – Board of Health Office and Zoom

**Members Present:** John Dufresne, Ronald J. Marlborough

**Staff Present:** Judy Bater

**Health Agents Present:** Cheryl Rawinski, (Julie VanArsdalen, arrived late)

**Absent:** Jim Morin

**Guest/s Present:** Sean Hendricks

**Call to Order:** John Dufresne called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 3:10 PM on November 9, 2022, in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office.

**Approve Minutes:** Ron Marlborough made Motion to accept June Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Dufresne. All in favour, approved. Ron Marlborough made a Motion to accept the October Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> By John Dufresne. All in favour, approved.

**Review Vouchers:** Reviewed

**Town Manager, Sean Hendricks:** Sean stated that the Health Alliance during the Pandemic served the Town very well. A few months ago, he met with the Alliance and looked at a 4 to 5 year projection. They charged each town a per capita rate. They will see an increase in the rates by 2026 predicted at \$93,000, \$30,000 more than they are paying now. The Former Chief now works here as Deputy Town Manager, and he asked Karyn to review the services through the IMA and had her detail the services. Karyn put together a crosswalk. They determined in the long term the town would benefit from having its own health agent and then they looked at the money. They feel they will get a dedicated health agent for \$80,000 a year, which is more services for less money. We have received opioids settlement money and want to see that money spent through the Board of Health and they can use those funds for programs through the BOH Office. They want to increase the Budget by \$15,000. He has Identified a couple of candidates who are willing and able to do this job and would like to staff Mid-December but wanted to run this by the Board. This is data driven, this is not just a feeling. Ron stated the services have declined. His question to the Board is do they recall who got them into the Alliance as he did not want to step on any toes. The list as to what they are losing from the Alliance. Within two years it will level out. School assessment we can contract for this service

as we still do not have the school assessment. Ron stated the Lions club gave \$5,000.00 towards that project and he has not heard anything about it. The Town Manager wanted to make sure that he has the support of the Board of Health so it could be voted on at a meeting. John asked about the hiring process and if they would be included and Sean stated he would be happy to include them. Ron stated Town Manager has the ultimate decision. Sean would like to run it by the Board before he makes a final decision. Ron stated Jim is on Board with this. Ron stated that he told Bobby Spain years ago that the services could be done on their own. Millbury is still part of Region 2. Ron asked about EMA. Sean stated he is still working on it. We will have a full time Health person and therefore he may phase out the EMA. As it is police and fire and then BOH. We will have a dedicated member. In regards to cooling/heating stations, John mentioned that the senior center was closed when it was 102 degrees on a Sunday. Sean stated reasonable minds can differ. Other buildings were open, and we received no phone calls. John would like a reverse 911 call. Sean stated CODE RED. However, it is not marketed. They have tested it, but it needs to make sure they have maximized the community.

**COVID-19/Public Health Nurse Update:** Cheryl stated that they are having a Covid Pfizer Vaccine Clinic at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Upton BOH. They have about 50 people signed up.

**Health Agent Update:** Julie had provided the Board with a written overview of her monthly inspections.

**Millbury Housing Update:** The Board is expressing their concern regarding the windows, winter is coming. They want an update. Ron told Julie to send a letter. Ron does not feel this is a big issue for them and wants it resolved.

**CMRPHA Update:** Not available

**Department Update:** Judy stated she completed the annual report.

**REGION 2: MOTION:** Ron Marlborough made a motion for Cheryl to be the voting proxy for Millbury for Region 2, seconded by John Dufresne. All in Favour. Approved.

**Variance/Local Upgrades:** None

**Julie VanArsdalen Reviewed with Board:**

22 Elm Court – The Board decided to revisit in 30 days to see where they are at.

8 Ellenwood did a site visit with the AG's office an enforcement letter was sent will request demo'd in 30 days or will file a receivership. Already ripped down the postings and chief Kosiba has x'd the house.

7 Allstead Path is also being pursued – woman deceased.

4 Benton ag's office still waiting, house is x'd, probate taking a long time ag sent a demand letter to the estate.

Odor complaint at Barrday unfounded.

John stated the Deeter property is being cleaned up. All gutted.

Julie ordered the hauler stickers today. Size is smaller – order 1500.

Stickers will be used on the donation bins.

Ron has the list in his head he said about a dozen exist.

Julie stated anyone can dump at Superior Waste in Worcester.


Julie stated the new textile regulation has it all spelled out.

13b MacArthur – housing inspection was conducted. Many conflicts exist between tenant and landlord.


**New/Old Business:** The Board would like to order some winter fleece wear.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting December 14, 2022.

**Motion to Adjourn at 4:03 PM:** Ron Marlborough made a motion to Adjourn. Second by John Dufresne. All in Favour. Approved.



James M. Morin, Chair



John Dufresne, Vice Chair



Ronald J. Marlborough, Clerk