

**Halifax Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 04, 2016**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town hall.

**Present at the meeting were:**

John DeLano – Chairman  
John Weber – Co-Chairman  
Alan J. Dias - Clerk  
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent  
Peggy Selter, Administrative Assistant

The Board of Health meeting opened at 6:30p.m

**1. 6:30pm Hearing(s) – Rubbish/Trash/Waste Regulations:**

Susan Johnston, Halifax Recycling Center, Todd Koep, Mass DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator & David Nessralla, Noonan Waste Services in attendance.

- a. The Board read aloud the public hearing notice.
- b. The Board read aloud an email from Steve Changaris, National Waste & Recycling Association & its Mass. members (NWRA, MA) Chapter Mgr. requesting if the BOH might re-schedule or defer any action or announce the holding of another hearing so that we might get together and be prepared to offer significant and meaningful comments at a later hearing from the haulers as a Halifax BOH regulated community.
- c. The Board opened the hearing and distributed copies of the draft Rubbish/Trash/Waste Regulations.
- d. The Board opened the floor to discussion and asked if anyone in favor of the regulations would like to speak.
  - i. Todd Koep, Mass DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator commented that by passing these regulation, we are trying to increase recycling and level the playing field for all municipalities, increase DEP grant funds to recycling centers for points for the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) and focus on generators of recyclable materials to ensure they are doing everything properly.
  - ii. Susan Johnston, Halifax Recycling Center commented that the town recycling center wants to ensure that all households are recycling and rubbish haulers would have to help in that endeavor.
- e. The Board opened the floor to discussion and asked if anyone not in favor of the regulations would like to speak.
  - i. David Nessralla of Noonan Waste Services commented he has been in the residential and commercial waste/rubbish industry for 20 years and believes recycling is fundamentally a good idea, but feels there is no way to ensure people recycle.
  - ii. Mr. Nessralla stated his company already has dual trucks for both garbage and recycling for residential and commercial, competition forced the company to purchase the split body trucks. He commented that Noonan Waste Services is already trying to ensure recycling because it is easier to dispose of recycling than it is to dispose of trash waste.
  - iii. He believes the quality of recycling has diminished.

- iv. Mr. Nessralla commented that it is his opinion that if the Rubbish/Trash/Waste Regulations are put into place, small businesses will not be able to compete and will be put out of business.
- v. Mr. Nessralla asked how the Town/State was going to police this regulation. Mr. Nessralla commented that there is a lot of oversight that DEP is pushing to the town to push to the waste haulers.
  - 1. Todd Koep, Mass DEP responded to Mr. Nessralla comments. He replied he has been in the waste/rubbish industry for 17 years and that Mr. Nessralla has been doing all the right things and commends him on that.
 

Mr. Koep reiterated the points that the State is trying to increase recycling, level the playing field for all municipalities, and increase DEP grant funds to recycling center's for points for the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

    - a. The Board asked, how do we know when reporting companies are being honest when reporting recycling totals? Do we police reports? How do we address that? Town has to have a relationship with the hauler, when the company has a problem or concern, they should call the Board of Health.
    - b. The Board asked the Health Agent if there was anything she would like to add.
      - i. The Health Agent commented that the Board of Health office does not want and can't handle the policing of failure to comply.
    - c. Board suggested the Board of Health go back & review and make some revisions on the regulation, and also check the public information requirement regarding the customer list.

**2. Bring to Boards Attention:**

- a. Fieldstone Show Park 2017 Show Dates for Horse Shows presented to the Board.
  - i. The Board asked the Administrative Assistant if the well testing results for Fieldstone Show Park have been submitted to the Board of Health as of yet. The Administrative Assistant replied that they have not.
  - ii. The Board asked who collected the samples in the past for Fieldstone Show Park. The Administrative Assistant and the Health Agent both replied S. Clawson.

A Motion was made that any and all future well samples shall be taken by an employee of a certified lab accompanied by chain-of-custody papers. Mr. Clawson may request to discuss the matter with the Board at any Board of Health meeting. A memo stating the above will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion: John Weber**  
**Second: Alan Dias**  
**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**3. Discussion Items: - Agent Updated Board**

- a. NVNA December 2016 Report
- b. Update on FY 2018 Budget
- c. Conflict of Interest Law Online Training Program

**d. Food Establishment Report Update**

**e. 395 Plymouth Street As-Built Update:**

A Motion was made to approve Outback Engineering as the Design Engineer who will produce the Final As-Built for 395 Plymouth Street.

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Alan Dias**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**f. Public Records Access Officers – Designations:**

**i. BOH Public Information Request Form**

A Motion was made to appoint the Health Agent as the Board of Health Public Records Access Officer.

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Alan Dias**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**g. Active Shooter Incident Discussion:**

A Motion was made to request to meet with Selectmen at their January 24, 2017 meeting at 8:30pm to continue the discussion on how the Town can be better prepared in the case of possible active shooter incidents.

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Alan Dias**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**4. The Following to be signed:**

**a. Payroll for the Week Ending January 07, 2017 - Board Signed**

**i. Cathleen Drinan**

**ii. Margaret Selter**

**iii. Tracy Noland**

**b. Meeting Minutes: - Board Signed**

**i. December 07, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**ii. December 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 17-10 - Board Signed**

**i. MEHA Education Seminar – Onsite Wastewater for Local Environmental Health Officials – Cathleen Drinan - \$65.00**

**ii. MEHA Education Seminar – Onsite Wastewater for Local Environmental Health Officials – Alan Dias - \$65.00**

**d. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 17-10 - Board Signed**

**i. Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonte – Food Establishment Inspection – Jool’s Fried Dough at November Mudfest - \$50.00**

**ii. Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonte – Food Establishment Inspection – Mike’s House of Pizza at November Mudfest - \$50.00**

**iii. Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonte – Food Establishment Inspection – Nessralla Concessions at November Mudfest - \$50.00**

**iv. Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonte – Food Establishment Inspection – Wicked Smokin BBQ at November Mudfest - \$50.00**

**v. Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonte – Food Establishment Monitoring – Hawaii Garden - \$50.00**

- vi. Grady Consulting – Invoice# - Plan Review – 12 Lingan Street - \$85.00
- e. **Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 17-02 - Board Signed**
  - i. Tighe & Bond – Invoice# 121697124 – Landfill Monitoring – For Services Rendered Through 11.26.16. - \$5,650.00
- f. **Permits: - Board Approved**
  - i. BR’s Monponsett Inn Restaurant - 2017 Food Establishment Permit
  - ii. BR’s Sub & Pizza - 2017 Food Establishment Permit
  - iii. Cumberland Farms – 2017 Food Establishment, Retail Food & Tobacco Sales Permit
  - iv. Halifax Congregational Church - Helping Hands Food Pantry - 2017 Non-Profit Food Establishment Permit
  - v. Mr. Pizza & Sub - 2017 Food Establishment Permit
  - vi. Twin Lakes Liquors & Convenience Store - 2017 Food Establishment Permit
  - vii. Rebecca Dooley – Teeka Lynne’s Salon & Day Spa – 2017 Massage Therapy Permit
  - viii. United Site Services Northeast, Inc. – 2017 Septage Hauler’s Permit
  - ix. T.F. Smith Construction Corp. – 2017 Septic Installer’s Permit
  - x. A.E. Wood Corp. – 2017 Septic Installer’s Permit
  - xi. A.E. Wood Corp. – 2017 Title V Inspector’s Permit

A Motion was made to approved permits as requested

**Motion: John Weber**  
**Second: Alan Dias**  
**Unanimous vote on the motion**

g. **Mail Folder: - Board Read**

- i. Plympton-Halifax Express Newspaper

**Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

**Motion: John Weber**  
**Second: Alan Dias**  
**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**Typed by,**

Peggy Selter  
 Administrative Assistant

**Signed By:**

John DeLano – Chairman  
 John Weber – Co-Chairman  
 Alan Dias – Clerk

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