

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF SUTTON
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

Meeting Location: Sutton Town Hall Meeting Room 1C

Members Present: Ken Malo, Diane Miller, Ron San Souci

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Absent: Tammi Marois, Cheryl Rawinski

Guest/s Present: Ned Bacon, Colleen Rosales

Call to Order: Ken Malo opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:02 PM.

Local Upgrade/Variance: None

Local Upgrade/Variance Steve Approved: Review only: 13 Chase Road: Steve reviewed and approved request for a Presby system and offset to groundwater. No issues.

56 Singletary Odor Complaint: Ned Bacon wanted to clarify some facts with the Board. At the last meeting Ken had stated water came on to the property from the South. Ned was mistaken as he had stated no previously and it does in fact come from the South and he wanted to clarify his misstatement. However, he mentioned a berm that he felt prevented water flow from that area. He wanted the Board to take a water sample from above the property on a neighbor's property. Ken had recommended a swale. Ken stated a 4' berm was also there. Ned stated it is not an effective berm since it is not the full length and the water flows around the berm. Ken stated it is fully vegetated and you do not want to disturb the berm. The property owner will extend the berm and the trash will be disposed of. Ned stated he had some fabric installed. Ken stated that the owner was looking into some odor barriers. Ken stated the berm is stone and needs to be maintained. Ned asked about water testing and Ken stated that the Board would not entertain water testing. Ron stated how involved the water testing procedure takes. Weather conditions/before/after/months of testing and can be expensive. Ken does not want to set a precedence of water testing. Ron and Ken stated this procedure could impact every farm. Ken stated they do not get involved with surface water testing. Ron asked about the potential of using two different labs for the same sample. Could have different results. Ron stated that after rain storms the state closes beaches due to the contaminants caused by runoff. Ned called it an open sewer. Ken disagreed with his terminology. Ned

stated his property and the pig pen is polluted and Ken stated that it is not polluted, it is a very clean pig pen. Both Ken and Ron stated the day they were there it did not smell at all and very little mud and no large quantities of waste. Ken will reach out to the State in regards to water testing. Ken feels it is not their position to conduct water testing.

Department Update: Cheryl is at an annual MHOA Public Health conference. She has had several flu clinics and is planning for another one in November. She has vaccinated over 120 people. The migrants are still at the Red Roof Inn. The National Guard is on site 7 days a week. The migrants are awaiting work permits, as the paperwork has been completed. Cheryl was awarded a 10,000 grant for migrant needs.

Approve Minutes: Tabled

Board Member Applicant: Colleen Rosales introduced herself to the Board.

MOTION: Diane Miller made a motion to nominate Colleen Rosales as a Board of Health member, 2nd by Ron San Souci. All in Favor. Approved. Contingent upon appointment from the Selectmen.

Old/New Business: Judy recommended the Board migrate to a zoom/hybrid meeting format. The Board agreed to have that as an option, however, would prefer Board members attend, if able. All agreed moving forward to have the hybrid meeting format.

Other Business Not Anticipated: None

Well Regulations Review/Geo Thermal: Cheryl will contact Eli Richardson to attend a future meeting to explain Geo Thermal wells.

Tobacco Control Alliance: Joan Hamlett, Director of the Tobacco Alliance, would like to re-introduce herself to the Board. Tabled.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:33 PM: Diane Miller - Seconded Ron San Souci - Unanimous - Approved.

Ken Malo, Jr., Chair:

Tammi Marois, Vice Chair:

Diane Miller, Member:

Ron San Souci, Member:

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