

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF SUTTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

**Meeting Location:** Sutton Town Hall Meeting Room 1C

**Members Present:** William Fredericks, Tammi Marois, Diane Miller, Ken Malo, John Silverberg

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Rawinski, Judy Bater, Steve Donatelli

**Absent:** None

**Guest/s Present:** Rachel and Tom Rodgers, 31 West Sutton Road

**Call to Order:** William Fredericks opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:05 PM.

**Local Upgrades/Variances:**

**10 Sovereign Heights:**

Setback distance to own well 72' in lieu of 100'

Setback distance to wetlands 31' in lieu of 50' contingent on Conservation Approval

Setback distance to foundation 12'-8' in lieu of 20'

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Ken Malo made a motion to accept the above as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Silverberg, All in Favour. Approved.

**31 West Sutton Road:**

Reduction in setbacks SAS 28' from lake, 8' from slab, 14' from foundation, 82' to own well and Septic Tank and Pump Chamber, 5' from slab and SAS less than 100' to wetland/water. Contingent on Conservation Approval.

Ken Malo made a motion to accept the above as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Miller. All in Favour. Approved.

**Local Upgrades Approved/Review Only: All approved by Steve Donatelli: None**

**Department Update/Covid 19 Update:** Cheryl stated the Covid case counts are as follows; August 45, September 79, October 58. Flu season is upon us. We are using a different system now called COLOR for flu clinics and everyone has to sign up on line. Bill asked about the older people. Cheryl had a clinic today and Judy came with her and the devices didn't work. The Millbury senior center did not sign people up correctly. Judy stated she got locked out due to the 2-step authentication code that she never got. It was extremely delayed. Judy said she used the COLOR hotline and was on hold for 30 minutes and it was only a 2-hour clinic. Judy said she had a meeting with the State representative for the COLOR system. Judy stated the system is fairly simple, once you get in. Cheryl stated that service was an issue at the

school. We had quite a line so resorted to manual notes that were entered after the clinic was over. The vaccine for ages 5 to 11 is out. Bill asked if she knew how many people would want that? She has not heard. Cheryl stated that she has a lot of nurses and each nurse needs their own device for clinics. Cheryl stated she typically has the supplies she needs but was running low on syringes and her normal source explained that they have nothing for her as you have to order monthly. Cheryl stated Judy has been doing the behind the scenes setting up the clinics on line, creating the link, and it has been a lot of work. The State wants the towns to be in a pod and share services for grant money. Sutton has joined with Charlton. Charlton has hired a nurse to do the contact tracing only and Sutton utilizes this service since it is part of the grant. Tammi asked why we are in with Charlton. Cheryl said she was already their nurse and many communities have already created pods. Tammi asked if they had a choice, could it be a closer community, do they bring that decision before the board. Cheryl stated she called Bill, as she had a quick deadline and she was at a conference when they wanted an answer. John asked, do you have to contact trace? Cheryl stated, it is State required. Cheryl stated, the State is giving these regional groups \$300,000.00 per year for 3 years. John asked if the State is offering training. Cheryl said that would be on them to train the new staff. The Coalition is looking for a nurse and epidemiologist. These new employees will become Town of Charlton employees. Many different grants have been offered and many different pods have been set up. Some crossover is pods. Cheryl could be on her own, though they were strongly encouraged to join a pod. She has had a big response for the flu clinic that is scheduled for 11/4/2021 and is prepared in regards to nurses. Cheryl has always had a stock pile of supplies and a reliable source to obtain supplies and her supply is low on syringes and they are stating that she has to order monthly, now, and can't accommodate her needs. She will beg and borrow to get what she needs. Flu vaccine is regular refrigeration; Pfizer is ultra-cold storage.

**Approve Minutes:** Tabled. The Board wonders why no one questions "the why" the minutes need to be typed, since the minutes are already recorded. Possibly, look into software that will take the minutes from a recorded meeting and create a written document.

**Old/New Business:** Diane asked if any new businesses are coming into time. She also stated children's bookstore closed. Water's Farm had a nice weekend. Diane asked about events in town. In regards to the Fee Schedule. Bill stated he was never able to get an intern. John would like to move forward, with the Fee, Title 5 and Wells. The Board reviewed the changes/recommendations from previous meetings. John stated they wanted to remove testing for irrigation wells. John asked about the GEO thermal wells, Steve didn't recall. Judy stated it was to do with the closed loop vs. open loop. John stated we decided to keep the testing requirements. Judy stated that not all labs are certified for all contaminants and we wanted to put it on the homeowner that they are using a State certified lab for all contaminants. Kenny asked about a fee to check the water results. Judy stated it is already very costly to the residents to test the water. Judy said Steve is checking the water results she just does it for him. Judy stated a fee already exists incorporated with the well fees. Judy said she just can't have it all ready for November, with clinics and Thanksgiving week. She can't have all of these typed up and ready to be signed this coming month. She requested they push out to December. Steve told Diane they want to remove the requirement on Title 5 supplement for the 100' setbacks to wetlands, just go back to the State regulation. Steve explained separation of ownership to Diane. Judy mentioned Northbridge well regulations that does not allow a dwelling with both public and private wells. An irrigation well is a private well and the potable water source is public. Kenny and John stated they need to be labeled. John stated owners need to take responsibility for their own wells. Diane said they should not be drinking from an irrigation well hose if the water is untested. John wants to eliminate the testing and have a metal

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permanent label not fit for human consumption or some language like that. John suggested raising all fees by 15% or 20%. Diane said we can't raise milk. John feels we have always been reasonable and this

would simplify the process. In regards to food, the Board agreed on a 20% increase across the Board. The Board will review it this month. Steve and Judy will review for new fees that may need to be added.

**Review Fee Schedule:** Public Hearing pushed out to December 21<sup>st</sup>

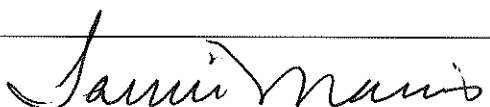
**Review Supplemental Title 5 Regulations:** Public Hearing pushed out to December 21<sup>st</sup>


**Review Well Regulations:** Public Hearing pushed out to December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Other Business Not Anticipated:** None

**Next Meeting:** November 23, 2021

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:17 PM:** Diane Miller. Seconded by Ken Malo - Unanimous - Approved.

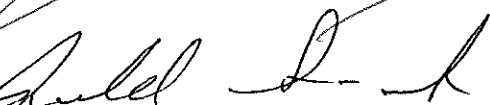
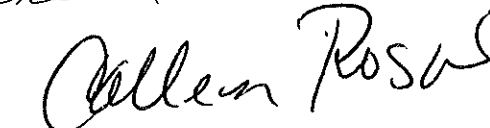
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