



**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
April 26, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The following Board of Health meeting was held on Wednesday **April 26, 2023** at 4:00 PM via PACTV

Present

Barry Potvin, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Chair
Teri Reid, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair
David Golden, MPA
Lorenzo Pizarro, MBA
Deb Zona, RN, MHA, CMCN, FACHE

Department

Karen Keane, Public Health Director

Excused

Amy Palmer, MPH

Agenda

- Septic Variance Request – Saquish Beach, Lot 51A – Tom Pozerski
- Student Health Concerns – Scarlett & Caroline
- COVID Update
- Holtec Letter - Re: 60 day advanced notice of intent to release radioactive water
- Short Term Rental Regulation – Final version for signatures
- Wind Turbines Complaint – Current status & possible BOH actions re: nuisance vote
- Board of Health Goals Update & Discussion
- Director’s Report
- Chairperson’s Announcements
- New/Old Business
- Adjournment

- *Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the secretary’s interpretation of what took place at the meeting. – Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.*
- *These minutes are a record as accepted by the Board of Health.*
- *All materials presented during this meeting are available in the Public Health Department.*
- *Administrative Business – May include topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

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4:00 PM

Welcome

4:07 PM – Variance Request – Saquish Beach, Lot 51A – Tom Pozerski

On a motion by Teri Reid and seconded by David Golden, the board unanimously voted to approve the Variance Request for Saquish Beach, Lot 51A subject to the plan reflecting the distance to the abutting well. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 5/0

4:15 PM – Student Health Concerns – Scarlett & Caroline

Student representatives Scarlett and Caroline discussed their thoughts on what they think are the most concerning health risks in school – mental health, vaping and bullying.

4:29 PM – COVID Update

- Latest available data from Plymouth Department of Public Health, MA DPH and CDC.

4:35 PM – Holtec Letter re: 60-day advanced notice of intent to release radioactive water

Dr. Potvin shared a draft letter and explained that the letter is to require that Holtec provide a 60-day advance notification in writing of any plan to discharge low-level radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

On a motion by David Golden and seconded by Teri Reid, the board unanimously voted to send a letter to Holtec retaining the word “require” and adding that the request be sent by certified mail. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 5/0

4:45 PM – Short Term Rental Regulation – Final version for signatures

Dr. Potvin shared that there will be a Public Forum regarding Short Term Rentals and Tobacco Sales Regulations held on May 24, 2023.

5:15 PM – Wind Turbines Complaint – Current status and possible BOH actions re: nuisance vote

Dr. Potvin stated that this is an ongoing situation that was put on “hold” due to Covid. He revisited and shared the timeline of the original complaint. One of the neighbors of the wind turbines, Karen, explained what has happened to date since filing a complaint with ConEdison Renewable Energy.

5:56 PM – Director’s Report

See attached

5:59 PM – Chairperson’s Announcements

None

5:59 PM – New/Old Business

None

6:00 PM – Adjournment

On a motion by David Golden and seconded by Teri Reid, the board voted to adjourn. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 5/0