



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

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

**Present**

Barry Potvin, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Chair  
Teri Reid, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair  
Amy Palmer, MPH  
David Golden, MPA  
Deb Zona, RN, MHA, CMCN, FACHE (alternate)

**Department**

Karen Keane, Public Health Director

**Excused**

Lorenzo Pizarro, MBA

**Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes from 6/28/23 & 7/12/23
- Septic Variance Request – 82 May Hill Rd – Steve Nelson
- Grease Trap Variance – Edge Pizza, 65 Main St – Arron Capron
- RSV Antibody Medication for Children – Dr. Reid
- Schedule Change for PFAs Public Forum
- Wind Turbine Letter to Mr. Dixon
- Tritium Concerns and NDCAP Meeting Summary
- Updates from BOH Representatives to other Boards, Committees, and Organizations
- Board of Health Goals Update & Discussion
- Director’s Report
- Chairperson’s Announcements
- Public Comment
- 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

**4:02 PM – Approval of Minutes from 6/28/2023 & 7/12/2023**

*On a motion made by David Golden and seconded by Teri Reid, the board voted to approve the minutes from the 6/28/2023. Vote through rollcall: 4/0/1 Amy Palmer abstained due to absence.*

*On a motion made by Teri Reid and seconded by David Golden, the board voted to approve the minutes from the 7/12/2023. Vote through rollcall: 4/0/1 Deb Zona abstained due to absence.*

**4:04 PM – Septic Variance Request – 82 May Hill Rd. – Stephen Nelson**

*On a motion to approve the septic variance subject to a satisfactory well water test and a one (1) bedroom Deed Restriction made by Amy Palmer and seconded by Teri Reid, the board voted to approve the variance for 82 May Hill Rd. Vote through rollcall: 4/1*

**4:16 PM – Grease Trap Variance – The Edge Pizza, 65 Main St Unit 1 – Arron Capron**

*On a motion to approve the grease trap variance subject to an automatic grease trap be installed within 18 months and the grease trap be pumped every four (4) weeks and more often, if needed, made by Amy Palmer and seconded by Teri Reid, the board voted unanimously to approve the variance for The Edge Pizza. Vote through rollcall: 5/0*

**4:30 PM – RSV Antibody Medication for Children – Dr. Teri Reid**

Dr. Reid shared information about a new RSV injection for infants and toddlers up to 24 months. There is also a different shot for RSV available for adults over 60.

**4:35 PM – Wind Turbine Letter to Mr. Dixon**

Dr. Potvin shared that a draft letter was sent to Town Council and is still under legal review.

**4:36 PM – Schedule Change for PFAs Public Forum**

Dr. Potvin stated that the Public Forum that was planned for PFA's for an off week is not possible. With that said, the Forum will be included in one the Board of Health regularly scheduled meetings.

**4:37 PM – Tritium concerns & NDCAP Meeting Summary**

Dr. Potvin attended the NDCAP Meeting and stated that PFA's have been found in the groundwater surrounding portions of the site where the Power Plant is located. They don't know the source but there is additional testing to try to locate the source so that they can do something about remediating it. Also, Dr. Potvin said that the State DEP has produced a tentative preliminary decision that would deny Holtec's application for an amended permit for disposals.

**4:50 PM – Updates from BOH Representatives to other Boards, Committees, and Organizations**

Dr. Reid shared that there are a number of migrant families in our school district and that there are some people who have health needs. If anyone hears of any people in need, let the Board or school nurses know.

Amy Palmer shared that she attended Priority Plymouth Climate Action Road Map Meeting. Goals were discussed on where Plymouth is currently and where Plymouth wants to go with different goals to make the town more climate friendly.

David Golden stated that he spoke with Amy Naples at the Chamber of Commerce regarding dog waste in the waterfront and downtown district. They are already working with local businesses, the DPW and Department of Planning and Development to get installation of dog-waste stations in the downtown and waterfront districts.

**4:57 PM – Board of Health Goals Update and Discussion**

None

**4:58 PM – Director's Report**

See attached

**5:02 PM – Chairperson’s Announcements**

Dr. Potvin shared that local news aired information that the wastewater viral survey that is being done routinely is showing that the virus count is high. Also, Dr. Potvin spoke about religious exemptions for vaccinations being reviewed by the State and that the State is considering doing away with these.

**5:10 PM – Public Comment**

None

**5:12 PM – New/Old Business**

Dr. Potvin shared that the Board of Health was advised by Town Council and also by Cheryl Sbarra, MAHB, that they don’t advise the Board of Health to attempt to regulate smoking behavior on the sidewalks, regardless of where they are located due to the fact that it is too hard to enforce. Margaret Coe stated that Town Council said that Uber and Lyft are considered private so it would most likely not apply to them and that they would have to just stick with private transportation.

**5:18 PM – Adjournment**

*On a motion by Amy Palmer and seconded by David Golden, the board voted unanimously through rollcall to adjourn. Vote: 5/0*