

## Board Members

Eric Lindstrom, Chair  
Jack Mill, Clerk  
Khalid Abdi, Member  
Katherine Tonelli, Member  
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# TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

**Date/Time of Meeting:** 5/16/2022

**Location of Meeting:** Via ZOOM

**Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance:** Eric Lindstrom (Ch.) ☑ Jack Mill (Cl.) ☑ Khalid Abdi, ☑ Katherine Tonelli ☑ Leanne Harris ☑

**Visitors Present:** Dr. Chicari, Dr. Denello,

**Town Employees Present:** Beth Hallal, Amanda Guindon

**Call to Order:** 5:34pm

**Minutes Review:** 4/25/2022 *APPROVED*

### Agenda Item 1:

#### *Water / Fluoridation*

The Board had received two letters from the public regarding their disapproval of fluoridated water used in Medway, however in order to bring the issue to Town Meeting, a petition signed by at least 10% of registered voters would have to be brought before the Town Clerk.

*Eric Lindstrom made a motion to send a certified letter to each individual explaining their position on the matter and outlining the steps in order for this matter to be brought to Town Meeting that was seconded by Jack Mill and approved by Khalid Abdi, Leanne Harris, Jack Mill, and Eric Lindstrom.*

### Agenda Item 2:

#### *274 Village Street Well*

Ms. Hallal explained that while the Board had previously approved a plan for the irrigation well, they ultimately had to be altered in order to comply with certain regulations. After consulting with the engineer, the well was installed in an area that would comply with the regulations. Following the installation of the well, the Board had received a complaint from the resident of 274 Village Street asking that the well be moved to the previously planned spot. However, since the complaint was made, the Town had not received any more communication from this individual despite efforts to discuss the matter in open meeting.

*Jack Mill made a motion to send a certified letter to the resident of 274 Village Street detailing the Board's desire to continue discussion on the matter, and to table the discussion until the next meeting that was seconded by Leanne Harris and approved by Eric Lindstrom, Katherine Tonelli and Jack Mill.*

### Topic Update:

#### *Mosquito Information*

Ms. Hallal provided the Board with information on plants that act as natural mosquito repellent. Ms. Harris researched the topic following the Board's discussion of mosquitos at Cassidy Field. The plants she found would provide at least some relief to the community from the increasing mosquito population, and her research also branched into implementing bat houses at the fields. Mr. Lindstrom suggested that Ms. Hallal reach out to the contact with the baseball fields as well as other Town officials in order to confirm the Board's jurisdiction in deciding to plant these specific plants.

*Leanne Harris made a motion to have Beth Hallal send communication to Julie Harrington regarding plants/bat houses for natural repellent and inform the Board of the feasibility that was seconded by Katherine Tonelli and approved by Eric Lindstrom.*

Ms. Hallal then provided the Board with some information on the mosquito life cycle in order to provide context to their discussion on mosquito repellent. She also provided the Board an update on the areas of town that were sprayed with mosquito repellent, and some of these areas included wetlands near schools and fields.

**Committee  
Member Roll Call  
to Complete  
Meeting:**

Eric Lindstrom (C) ☒ Jack Mill (VC) ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒  
Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒

**Next Meeting Date:** 6/6/2022

**Adjourn:** 6:36pm

*Respectfully submitted by A. Guindon on 5/25/2022*