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# Board of Health

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**Minutes** of a public meeting held on **July 11, 2022**, by the **Sandwich Board of Health** in the Human Services Building Meeting Room, 270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, Sandwich, MA.

**Members Present: Rebecca Lovell Scott, David Liskowsky, Ronald Hurley**

**Health Agent Present: David Mason**

**Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Woodbury**

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**1. The meeting was brought to order by Rebecca Lovell Scott at 7:00 p.m.**

The Chair, Rebecca Lovell Scott opened the meeting and informed everyone in attendance that the Meeting was a public forum and is open for public comments after the presentation.

**2. Fowl Regulations: Review draft regulations. Vote to move the regulation to a public meeting.**

David Mason explained that per Mass General Law the legal ad of the proposed regulation was placed in the local paper for two full weeks prior to the meeting and proper posting of the agenda was confirmed by the Town Clerk, Taylor White. Board Member, David Liskowsky presented a Powerpoint presentation to explain the guidelines of the proposed Poultry Regulation. After the presentation, Mr. Liskowsky asked to amend the proposed regulation to remove the five acre requirement for ownership of roosters, and to include that roosters must be kept in an enclosure shelter between 8:00p.m. – 7:00 a.m. to keep in line with the town's noise ordinance. Ron Hurley made a motion to amend the proposed regulation, seconded by David Liskowsky. The motion to amend passed with a vote of 3-0-0. Chair, Rebecca Lovell Scott opened the floor for public comment. Public comment was heard in opposition of the proposed regulation. Ron Hurley made a motion to table the proposed Poultry Regulation, seconded by David Liskowsky, The motion to table the proposed regulation passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

**3. Shawme Pond algae bloom update**

Mr. Mason updated the Board on the current algae bloom to Shawme Pond. The Health Department, Mass Dept. Of Public Health & Mass DEP has received phone calls from many residents in town regarding the algae bloom at Shawme Pond. Dave requested that Mass Department of Public Health test the pond as some residents had cited illness due to the pond algae. The results concluded that the algae was not a health risk. David presented the results to Board of Selectmen. David discussed with them about long-term solutions such as, removing road run-off from direct discharge to the pond and waste water sewers, and short term solutions to treat the pond with Alum or harvesting to fix the issue. The problem is due to the abutters use of fertilizer on their properties.

**4. Swimming beach sampling/analysis update**

David Mason updated the Board that he has begun pond testing of all ponds with public town access. To date all ponds results for e-coli. Cyanobacteria blooms have begun to appear due to



the excess heat and warm water temperatures during the month of June. Last year the blooms did not occur until late July.

**5. Reserved for topics not anticipated by the Chair**

No topics were discussed.

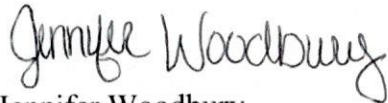
**6. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2022**

Ronald Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting from June 13, 2022 as written, seconded by David Liskowsky. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

**7. Adjourn Meeting**

Ronald Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by David Liskowsky. The motion passed with a vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Woodbury  
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 10.18.22