**Hamilton Board of Health Meeting Minutes Tuesday June 11 , 2024 COA Building 299 Bay Rd., S. Hamilton, MA**

**Members Present**: David Smith, Chairman, Jean E. Ramsey, MD MPH **Members Absent:** Dr. Giselle Perez

**Others Present**: Dennis Palazzo (Director of Health), Judith Ryan (Hamilton Public Health Nurse), Paul Vernucci (Regional Coordinator), Peter Mirandi (Health Dept. Consultant), John Maestranzi, Mack Soleimani, Shelby Soleimani

**Call to order**: meeting called to order at 5:00pm

**Approval of minutes:** the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes as revised by Smith and tabled at last meeting, and the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes as revised by Smith. Both meeting minutes were unanimous approved with no objections.

**Discussion of Septic Loan Program (update); History;** Financing Agreement from Clean Water Trust was signed and received, funding approved, consultation with other town departments to determine application fee and interest rate prior to loan application process to town residents. *–* **Discussion will continue at next meeting**. Chairman David Smith will contact Select Board, Palazzo will contact TM to solicit their input with regard to fees and percentage rates prior to next meeting.

**240 Asbury Street;** Resident, John Maestranzi, 240 Asbury St. has applied for permit to keep horses. Property is non-conforming under current regulation with regard to square footage. According to the minutes of 1/16/03 the property was granted a permit and has maintained a permit since then but lapsed during COVID. A site visit was conducted post meeting on May 14 and Maestranzi supplied a more detailed plot plan to the Board with setbacks and well locations

**Motion:** To continue the decision of the 2003 Board with the conditions associated with most recent permit to allow for four horses to be housed at property – *Approved unanimously.*

**Keeping of Animals Regulation:** In an effort to continue to upgrade current older regulations dating back to the 1980’s, a discussion continued as to an update. Chairman David Smith will present a model regulation at next meeting to include fines, fees and penalties. **Discussion to continue at next meeting**

**Private Well regulation**; Peter gave a presentation and update on the progress of the update of the private well regulation Peter’s recommendation; Amend current regulation and will present a model regulation in an effort to upgrade our current private well regulation **Discussion to continue at next meeting**

**Review of the vote on revision of the Board’s regulation for TB screening in schools.   
History;** At its April 9, 2024 meeting, **t**he Board unanimously voted to eliminate the requirement of TB risk assessment and testing from the BOH regulation for public schools, colleges and universities with the exception of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. At its May 14 meeting, the Board agreed to effect this revision by changing “Definitions” to redefine “School” as follows: “The term “School” shall mean for the purposes of this regulation the “Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary” located at 130 Essex Street in Hamilton”. Also, to meet legal requirements, the Board had posted on its agenda for this meeting its proposal to revise the regulation’s “Definitions” language as above.

**Update:** The Boardunanimously affirmed its prior vote to revise the Board’s Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and Testing Regulation for Schools, Colleges and Universities, by changing under the regulation’s “Definitions” the term “Schools” to be as follows:

* “The term “School” shall mean for the purposes of this regulation the “Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary” located at 130 Essex Street in Hamilton”.

The Board then authorized publication in The Ipswich Local News a Public Notice summarizing this regulation revision.

**8 Lois Street - History; Motion***; ( on April 9, 2024) -*support and approve the condemnation order dated March 3, 2024 regarding property at 8 Lois Street as written *- approved unanimously* **Update**; property owner is making positive progress under the direction of the Health Department, on cleaning and removing trash.

**Chebacco Lake Watershed Association;** would like to have our Board be involved in the water quality of the lake. Would like more information from Watershed Association. **Discussion will continue at next meeting when additional information is received**

**HWRSD Schools**; Request from the Wenham Board of Health that we consider a joint board regulation with regard to air and water quality in the HWRSD schools. **Tabled until next meeting – Mr. Frenkel (Wenham BOH) will be invited to present**

**8 Margaret Rd**. - Resident Mack Soleimani is requesting a variance for placement of coops with regard to non-compliant setbacks from abutting lot lines. **Tabled until next meeting -**  Prior to consideration of this request, the Board requested the following information and data: a plot plan of the Soleimani property with detailed locations of all structures on the property including distances from property lines; a description of their waste management plan; a description of the building construction that houses the animals; and an opportunity to visit the site prior to making a decision.

**Public Health Nurse Report; (Judith Ryan); Infectious diseases -** Lyme disease - 1 case, Hepatitis B – 1 case, Tuberculosis-2 cases. Diaper Drive; a huge success, collected over 13,000 diapers region wide.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:48 – passed without objection

Next meeting July 9, 2024 at 5pm, COA building