

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025

Present: Chairman Joe Casna (via Zoom), Vice-Chair Heidi Whipple, Members Dennis Randall, Sheryl Antoine and Rosemary Donahoe, Health Agent Joyce Krystofolski.

5:03 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Heidi Whipple.

Joe introduced new Board member Rosemary Donahoe and asked her to discuss a little about herself. She will be the liaison to the Library and Sheryl will be the liaison for the Sewer Department.

BILLS: Bills from May 7 and May 11, 2025, reviewed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Heidi has a friendly correction to the vote tally on the second motion. It should be 2-0-1 not 3-0-1.

5:08pm Motion made by Heidi Whipple to accept the meeting minutes for May 5, 2025, with the correction to the tally to 2-0-1.

Second: Sheryl Antoine

5:09pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to accept the meeting minutes of May 5, 2025, as amended.

Second: Heidi Whipple

4-0-1

HEALTH AGENT REPORT:

- Septic picking up with springtime.
- Joyce attended a soil evaluator class that was very helpful
- Joyce and Lori will be attending a food truck inspection training on Thursday.
- The office will be closed on May 28th for a MEHA conference in Southboro. The office closure will be posted on the website and Facebook.
- Attended 10-day Region 5 emergency preparedness meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Board Reorganization:

5:13pm Motion made by Dennis Randall pursuant to Mass General Law to reorganize in the wake of a new election and new Board member.

Second: Sheryl Antoine

5-0-0

5:14pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to nominate Joe Casna to continue as Chairman.

Second: Sheryl Antoine

5-0-0

5:15pm Motion made by Sheryl Antoine to keep Heidi Whipple as Vice Chair.

Second: Rosemary Donahoe

5-0-0

- Mobile Integrated Health Program – Joyce will provide information to the Board via email. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Cesspools – Joyce recommends an automatic failure on cesspools upon transferring property. No tank, no d-box.

5:20pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to fail all cesspools at the time of system failure or transfer/sale of property.

Second: Sheryl Antoine

5-0-0

This will go into effect upon publication of this new regulation. Website, Facebook, and if there is still a local newspaper in publication. Plympton-Halifax-Kingston Express?

- Witnessing Title 5 – Has to do a lot with ADUs. Uptick in Title V's and questionable "passes." Some communities are witnessing Title V's. Will create a permit to be a licensed Title 5 inspector in Kingston. Will require WC and liability insurance and a \$50 annual fee per inspector not the company. Effective July 1st. Will post at the same time as new fee schedule. Will also try to notify Title V inspectors that have done business in Kingston.

5:45pm Motion made by Joe Casna to establish a registration process for Title V inspectors doing Title V inspections in our community that would include proof of insurance and a fee of \$50.

Second: Dennis Randall

5-0-0

- Garbage grinders – people installing garbage grinders after the fact. Septic needs to accommodate a garbage grinder. There is nothing in the regulations regarding if one is found to have been installed. Dennis will write up a PSA.
- Pre-1995 Soil Evaluations – Re-PERC the reserve area if the system will be opened up and/or expansion of the system or reconstruction of system to have Perc test and evaluation. BOH will think on it for the next meeting.
- ADU Plan Review Fees

6:08pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to increase septic ADU Plan Review fee is \$175.00.

Second: Heidi Whipple

5-0-0

- Frozen Dessert Testing – all biological testing must be done in person by the lab.

6:15pm Motion made by Heidi Whipple that all frozen dessert testing should be done by a lab in person with continuity of sample throughout the process of custody continuity.

Second: Dennis Randall

5-0-0

NEXT MEETING:

- June 2, 2025

ADJOURN

6:20 pm Motion to Adjourn made by Dennis Randall.

Second: Heidi Whipple

5-0-0

Lori Jones, Administrative Assistant
Kingston Board of Health

Approved: June 16, 2025