

***Wellfleet Board of Health  
Hybrid Meeting  
Zoom/715 Old King's Highway  
Wednesday August 10, 2022; 5:30pm  
Meeting Minutes***

**Members Present:** Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Nick Picariello, Deborah Freeman, (virtual); Gary Locke (virtual)

**Others Present:** Hillary Greenberg Lemos, Health Agent; Meredith Ballinger, Assistant Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge (virtual), Committee Secretary; Scott Horsley, Town consultant; Curt Felix, Chair of the Clean Water Advisory Committee; Jude Ahern, resident; Kathleen Bacon, Wellfleet Selectboard Member; John Cumbler, Wellfleet Resident.

Chair Granlund called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

***Reorganization of the Board***

Chair Granlund stated he had been the chair of the board for many years and would like to pass the “baton”.

**Board Member Drohan Moved; Board Member Freeman seconded; and it was voted to appoint Dr. Nick Picariello as the chair of the board of health.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

***Wellfleet Board of Health Rules and Regulations***

Chair Picariello spoke to the board and the public and stated that the board would be discussing the regulations.

Horsley presented a slide show to the board and public. He spoke about the targeted watershed plan and explained the timeline to the board. Horsley stated to the board that the Wellfleet Selectboard did approve this plan and it was recently submitted to Mass department of environmental protection.

He spoke about the goals of a targeted watershed plan and stated to the board that this would be the second plan in the state of Massachusetts. Horsley showed a pie chart that explained high nitrogen levels in the town, he showed maps of the town and areas that the town would benefit from. His slide show gave a great deal of information with regard to the watershed permit and the planned sewer system throughout the Main Street downtown area. The presentation lasted about 20 minutes and he ended the presentation by stating that all the information at tonight's meeting is on the towns website for anyone to review.

It was then opened to the audience for comments or suggestions.

Curley spoke to the board about the watershed permit, he stated that means the DEP is updating their title 5 septic regulations. He gave some statistics on septic systems and cesspools around the town. Horsley spoke to Curley's questions and comments. The board discussed the

regulations in further detail. Ahern spoke to the board stating that the IA system she purchased was very expensive and needs to be updated. Horsley tried to answer some of Jude's questions. The board moved on and discussed the sewer district asking Horsley to pull up the slide that shows the core area (downtown) for the sewer system.

Curley had more comments and questions for the board, they discussed all questions in great length.

Lemos then shared her screen to show the board and public the changes being made to the Wellfleet Regulations. She stated section 600 of the regulations is what the board will be discussing and reviewing tonight. She stated there will be more than one public hearing. She continued going over the amendments to the regulations and answered any questions that came up. Bacon questioned if Lemos and the board had considered vernal pools in the regulation's amendments, Lemos stated that yes, she had done so, she continued reviewing with the board and public the amended regulations.

The board explained to the public that with every variance they are presented with, they do review each as a case by case basis. There will be a tax insert to inform the public about the public hearing on November 9, 2022. It will be posted on the town's website.

Eldridge informed the board that the tax insert will be on the consent agenda for the following meeting. Cumbler spoke to the board about making this upgrade happen sooner rather than later, and felt the longer the regulation takes to go into effect the longer it will take the town to reach its goals.

They discussed how long it will take effect to have these regulations go into effect. Lemos stated that as soon as the board has their public hearing and take a vote on the amended regulations then they will go into effect.

**Drohan Moved; Picariello Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:22pm**

***Public Documents:***

***Draft Wellfleet Board of Health Rules and Regulations***

***Power point presentation of the targeted watershed plan for the town of Wellfleet.***