

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes Summary – February 11, 2025**

Attendance: Members in attendance: Chair Helaine R. Hazlett, Thomas Massaro, MD., Tom McMahon, & Health Director Andrew Petty.

- 1. Call to Order – 7:31 p.m.**
- 2. Substance Abuse Night**
 - Original date postponed ending of the school year for higher engagement with 8th graders transitioning to high school. Date not finalized.
- 3. Drug Story Theater**
 - Chair discussed bringing Drug Story Theater to our community and potentially collaborating with Swampscott.
 - Budget for the event is not yet allocated.
- 4. Community Health Update**
 - Ongoing efforts to gain financial support from local businesses and groups. Discussions with Dr. Coyle to continue planning efforts for health initiatives.
- 5. Director's Report**
 - Transfer Station Updates
 1. Steel delivery for the tipping floor expected this week.
 2. Installation of fiber optics for license plate readers scheduled.
 3. New control building set up; cost estimates for installation pending.
 - Substance Abuse Survey
 1. Bureau of Substance Abuse (BSAS) Survey introduced.
 2. Concerns raised about potential redundancy with existing surveys and the need for board approval before dissemination.
 3. Decision: Delay sending the survey until further discussion with Dr. Coyle.
 - Regulatory Updates
 1. Discussion of updated tobacco control & body art regulations planned at future meeting.
 2. Posted public meeting, two weeks in advance, necessary prior to approval.
 - Avian Influenza Advisory
 1. Advisory issued to poultry owners regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza in Essex County.
 2. No incidents reported yet, but residents urged to report dead birds.
- 6. Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the minutes for October 8, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for October 22, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for November 12, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for December 10, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for December 13, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for January 14, 2024, as written. Second. All in favor, passed.

7. Budget Discussion & Approval of 2024 Annual Town Meeting Report

- FY26 budget and waste revolving account reviewed.
- Discussion of upcoming increases in waste disposal and recycling costs and potential impacts on FY27.

8. Adjournment

- Next Meeting February 18, 2025

MOTION: to adjourn. Second. All in favor. 9:10 p.m.