**Hamilton Board of Health Meeting Minutes Tuesday August 13 , 2024 COA Building 299 Bay Rd., S. Hamilton, MA**

**Members Present**: David Smith, Chairman, Jean E. Ramsey, MD MPH, 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), Caitlyn DeFeo (resident), Shelby Soleimani, Mack Soleimani (residents)

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

**Approval of minutes** of July 9, 2024 – objections to the minutes as written **Tabled until next meeting**

**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 presented a final draft of the revised regulation in which he incorporated all of the comments by Town Counsel (accomplished by “accept all changes” in the document edited by TC) and considering the public hearing held on July 30, 2024 where the Board listened and reacted to public concerns.

**Motion (moved and seconded); adopt the REGULATION FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS PERMITS AND STABLE LICENSES – Rev8 (5Aug2024)**

**Amendment to previous motion (moved and seconded): - On page 6 , section 3.6 - Change “Licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31” to “Licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31”. Also page 6, section 3.6 (line 4) change “applications for renewal must be received by October 1” to “applications for renewal must be received by July 1” - On page 10, section 11 (line 2), change “shall be valid until December 31” to “shall be valid until August 31.”**

**All BOH members voted in favor of both motions. (Passed)**

**Private Well regulation**: Peter presented a draft model regulation to the Board which is an amendment from our current regulation for consideration and discussion. PFAS testing and annual water testing has been discussed. It was agreed that the draft regulation should be posted on BOH town web page –and recommended that a public hearing be held at a later date. **Discussion to continue at next meeting**

**Chebacco Lake Watershed Association:** They would like to have our Board be involved in the water quality of the lake. This item was tabled.

**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. It was agreed that the two Boards should engage with schools on this issue. The Board requested that David confer with Wenham BOH chair on this issue and report back at our next meeting. **Tabled until next meeting**

**Public Health Nurse Report; (Judith Ryan); Infectious diseases -** Lyme disease - 5 cases, Campylobacteriosis - 2 cases, Coronavirus – 8 cases, Salmonellosis – 1 case. - MDPH has reported 34 positive mosquito samples of EEE and 145 positive samples of WNV - risk levels in the area have been elevated.

**8 Margaret Rd**. - Resident Mark Soleimani is requesting a variance for placement of coops with regard to non-compliance setbacks to abutting lot lines. The Health Dept. has received all documentation and a site visit was conducted at the conclusion of tonight’s meeting. **Tabled until next meeting -**

**Motion** to adjourn at 5:54 – passed without objection

Next meeting September 10, 2024 at 5pm, COA building