

Board of Health Minutes

June 2, 2022

Town of Auburn
Board of Health
Town Hall Selectmen
Room
104 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

Members Present : Eric Otterson, Chair; Carolyn Griffin, Vice Chair; Lindsay Guittarr member,
In Attendance: Darlene Coyle DDIS Director; Eileen Alexander Asst. Director of Health; Paula Conway
DDIS Clerk

Board of Health - Thursday June 2, 2022 6:00pm .

Chair, Eric Otterson in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, entertains a motion to call the meeting to order .

Caroline Griffin makes a motion to open the meeting at 6:00pm.
Lindsay Guittarr: Second **Vote 3-0**

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Review Agenda** - Add/Remove any items
3. **Approval of Minutes** - 2/24/2022

Approval of Minutes:

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to accept the meeting minutes for 2/24/22 Board of Health meeting.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to accept the minutes for 2/24/22 Board of Health meeting.
Lindsay Guittarr: Second **Vote: All in favor 3-0**

6:00pm-Hearing - 88 Oxford Street North- Order for Unfit for Human Habitation

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to open the hearing.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to open the hearing for 88 Oxford Street Auburn, MA.
Second: Lindsay Guittarr **Vote: All in favor 3-0**

Darlene explains the property at 88 Oxford Street is well known to the Board of Health. We have had complaints on this property going back to 2015. Our office has made several attempts to find a solution. In March there was a call to the police of people going into the property. The inspection of the property by the Health staff found that the property was unsecured, broken doors & windows, the front stairs are blocked with overgrown bushes, no power, no running water, severe overgrowth of vegetation at the property to the point where it is difficult seeing the house from the street. There has been Police response to calls by neighbors, and there is indication of unwanted activity inside the house. There have been many attempts by our office and other offices throughout the Town to contact the owner with no success. Due to the numerous concerns identified, Darlene posted the property as Unfit for Human Habitation. The request to the Board is to uphold the determination made by the Director, so that we can move forward to have the property boarded up & secured.

Also, we will be working with the AG office to see if they are able to offer some assistance for this property in their program.

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There was no one present from the public for this hearing.

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to uphold the Board of Health order for 88 Oxford Street Auburn, MA.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to uphold the Board of Health order for 88 Oxford Street Auburn, MA deemed as Unfit for Human Habitation and move forward to have the property boarded up & secured.

Lindsay Guittarr- Second

Vote: All in favor 3-0

6:05pm-Hearing 4 Franklin Street- Determination for Unfit for Human Habitation

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to open the hearing.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to open the hearing for 4 Franklin Street Auburn, MA.

Second: Lindsay Guittarr

Vote: All in favor 3-0

Darlene explains the history at the property located at 4 Franklin Street. The Board of Health has been involved in many complaints at the property, and there is a lot of trash and debris and trash throughout the property, and it is not being kept up. In the past, we have been successful working with the owner to get the property cleaned up, but we have not been able to make contact with the owner now. Earlier this year the complaints started to come in again regarding this address. Eileen Alexander did an inspection of the property observing the concerning conditions. At that time, she spoke with someone who was at the property who was staying there, and he did not know where the owner was or how to contact him. Our staff contacted the sewer and water department and confirmed there has been no flow since 2021. There is concern of the content in the home, and Darlene has consulted with the Fire Dept. on this property and Chief Colman supported the orders by the Board of Health. Eileen has been in contact with the Police Dept. regarding complaints and response to calls about individuals coming and going from the property. Additionally, she tried to contact the owner's family members, but did not get any information.

We are concerned if there is an emergency at the property, for the safety of anyone involved. It would be difficult, with the amount of content and debris, for our emergency personnel to respond. There is no running water and sewer, and unsure if the property is secured. Our office received numerous calls from neighbors and guests visiting Franklin Field with concerns about the condition of this property. Darlene is requesting the Board to determine the property Unfit for Human Habitation for all of the safety concerns identified, and so that we can move forward to have the property boarded up & secured. Discussed having to inform any occupant staying there about the need to leave due to safety concerns if the property is determined as unfit to live in.

Also, we will be working with the AG office to see if they are able to offer some assistance for this property in their program.

There was no one present from the public for this hearing.

Eric Otterson entertains a motion for 4 Franklin Street.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to accept Board of Health determination for 4 Franklin Street as Unfit for Human Habitation.

Lindsay Guittarr- Second

Vote: All in favor 3-0

6:10pm - 5 Crowl Hill Road- Septic Approval Extension Request

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Eric Otterson entertains a motion to open the hearing.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to open the hearing for 5 Crowl Hill Rd, Auburn MA for a Septic extension request.

Second: Lindsay Guittarr

Vote: All in favor 3-0

There has been a request that has come in from the owner of 5 Crowl Hill Rd asking for an extension of one year for their septic approval/permit. Septic approvals are only good for three years. There have been some delays with their project for various reasons. They expect to have the septic completed by the end of the summer

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to approve the request for a Septic extension for 5 Crowl Hill Rd Auburn, MA.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to approve the request for Septic extension for 5 Crowl Hill Rd Auburn, MA.

Lindsay Guittarr- Second

Vote: All in favor 3-0

Darlene remind ed the Board and the residents that we will be having a HHWD first one in four years and we will be holding this event at Horgan Arena on June 4th , 2022 from 9am-12pm.

B. Communicable Diseases: Viewed by the Board

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting .

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to close the hearing at 6:34pm.

Lindsay Guittarr - Second

Vote: All in favor 3-0

Approved on 7/21/22