

Richmond Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
1529 State Road  
Town Hall,  
Richmond, MA

Members Present: Andy Fisher, Laurie Cohen, Louise Maron, Claudia Ryan Valerie Bird-Agent

Ms. Maron opened the meeting at 5:00PM. She asked for a motion to approve the April 4,2023 minutes. Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023, minutes it was seconded by Mr. Cohen and passed unanimously.

1. There was a discussion about the method of reporting on the water bacterial levels of Richmond Pond. Ms. Bird explained that the water from several different swimming locations is collected and tested by Housatonic Basin Laboratory and the results are emailed to her and several board members. The results this summer have shown a very low bacteria count in the tested water. Carl Foote from the Pond Association spoke with Val and stated that water they had tested from a tributary leading into the pond did test positive for high levels of bacteria, but the next testing didn't. The beach areas never did. She stated that the tributaries have a greater concentration of runoff which would lead to higher levels of bacterial count. She explained that if a beach area tested positive, dated no swimming signs would be immediately put up and the water would be tested again within 24 hours. If it tested clean, then the signs would be taken down and the beaches reopened. They would remain up until a clean result was gotten from the water samples. The board members told Ms. Bird that Peter Beckwith(DPW Superintendent) had several beach closed signs made a couple of years ago. Ms. Bird stated that the Boy's Club Camp has been inspected and everything passed inspection.

2. Mr. Segal who has resigned from the Board due to moving out of Richmond had sent the board members a recommendation for his replacement. He has recommended Dr. Mehernosh Khan. Mr. Fisher made a motion to invite Dr. Khan to become a member of the board, it was seconded by Ms. Maron. Mr. Cohen stated that he knows him and would contact him about becoming a board member. Mr. Fisher stated that he plans on moving to Lenox so that he will also have to resign from the board. The Board of Health is an elected board and only town residents can serve on an elected board.

3. The members decided that no action should be taken to try and alert residents when the air quality is at an unhealthy level. It is posted on the news and can be seen and felt in the air.

4. There was a discussion about who would be the next Chair, Mr. Fisher stated he would chair until he moved and then Mr. Cohen stated he would take over being Chair. Mr. Cohen nominated Mr. Fisher to be the next Chair, it was seconded by Ms. Maron and passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Bird gave her monthly reports, she stated not much was done during July due to the excessive amount of rain. She said August is looking quite busy since July inspections had to be postponed. She stated that the issue of a trailer at Hilltop Orchards falls under MA. State regulations. She sent Mr. Martell and Mr. Vittori the contact information with the individual from the state who oversees migrant workers' housing issues.

6. It was decided that the next meeting would be during the middle of September to cover both September and October since the town hall move will be taking place sometime in October. The members also stated that they would prefer a 6:00PM start time instead of a 5:00PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 26,2023 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.

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Ms. Maron made a motion to adjourn the m meeting at 5:45 PM, it was seconded by Mr. Fisher and passed unanimously.

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Louise Maron-Chair

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Date