

Ashland Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting

*Diane Mortensen, Chair*  
*Rajit Gupta, Health Agent/Director*

*Ronald Etskovitz, Member*  
*Bernadette Lunkuse, Member*  
*Barbra Sekesogundu Simon, Member*

**Members Present Via Zoom Meeting:**

Diane Mortensen, Ron Etskovitz, Barbra Sekesogundu Simon and Bernadette Lunkuse

**Others Present:**

Rajit Gupta, Health Agent Director  
Laura Clifford, BOH Admin. Assistant

**Call Meeting to Order, 6:00 P.M.**

Ms. Mortensen called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Board to re-vote on all votes taken at previous meeting, June 1, 2021**

Ms. Mortensen explained that a Board Member had not yet been sworn-in prior to the last meeting, therefore all votes taken during that meeting must be retaken.

**Reorganization of the Board**

**Motion:** Ms. Lunkuse made a motion to nominate Mr. Etskovitz as Chair; Ms. Mortensen seconded.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Etskovitz made a motion to nominate Ms. Mortensen as Vice Chair; Ms. Sekesogundu-Simon seconded.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Etskovitz made a motion to nominate Ms. Sekesogundu-Simon as Clerk; Ms. Mortensen seconded.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Septic Waivers, 34 High Street**

**Motion:** Ms. Mortensen made a motion to approve the local variances to the Board of Health Regulations, the Title 5 Local upgrade approval, to not include 310 CMR 15.405, with the condition of Conservation Commission approval, as well as a Deed Recording for no garbage disposal, and a Deed recording under State code for the bedroom/deed restriction. Mr. Etskovitz seconded.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Authorization by the Board for Health Director to approve Permits (with the exception of septic waivers and grease trap waivers**

**Motion:** Ms. Mortensen made a motion to grant authorization to Rajit Gupta, Health Agent/Director, to sign off on all Board of Health issued permits, with the exception of septic waivers and grease trap waivers.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Consent Agenda (YTD Budget, Minutes of March 16, 2021, April 6, 2021**

**Motion:** Ms. Mortensen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Ms. Mortensen made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 4-0. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT THE 6/8/2021 MEETING  
(All items stored in the Board of Health files unless otherwise noted)

1. List of Votes taken during the 6/1/2021 Meeting,