

Town of Stoughton

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Andrew Tibbs, Chair ♦ Richard Parolin ♦ Ellen Epro ♦ Michael Varner ♦ Michael Taylor

The Stoughton Board of Health held this meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with the Governor's order allowing public bodies to hold open meetings in person, remotely or in a hybrid fashion extended to June 30, 2027, the meeting was conducted both in person at Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072, 1st floor Fitzpatrick room and by remote participation via Google Meets.

Members present:

Mr. Andrew Tibbs, Chairman, Mrs. Ellen Epro, Mr. Michael Varner, Mr. Michael Taylor

Member absent: Mr. Richard Parolin

Also, Present:

Lawrence Perry, Town Sanitarian, Sean Leahy Asst. Town Sanitarian

Reilly Ellis, Regional Tobacco Coordinator, Stephanie Patton, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator

Mr. Tibbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. BOH Regulations

A. Tobacco Regulations: Nicotine Free Generation (NFG) information

Mr. Tibbs recalled the Board had discussed this topic at the last meeting and had made suggestions. It was expected to have an updated draft at tonight's meeting. Reilly Ellis, the Regional Tobacco Coordinator, attending virtually informed the Board she has yet to receive full confirmation of a final draft from the Mass Tobacco Coalition and Prevention (MTCP) legal team.

There were a couple of points the legal team wanted to review further. Reilly will follow up with them. She mentioned a need for the Board of Health to determine when they want the NFG to go into effect. Due to there being a need for a public hearing, a vote and to allow time for education and enactment, the date could be set to January 1, 2027,

Mr. Tibbs welcomed questions or comments from Board members. Hearing none, he said the next step is to schedule a public hearing. Ms. Ellis expects to have a response from her attorneys by then. Mr. Tibbs said the public hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 18th. Mr. Leahy acknowledged there being members of the public present. It was determined anyone wishing to speak on the matter can do so at the public hearing.

B. Discarding of Refuse and /or the Use of Refuse as Fill regulation

Mr. Perry recalled Mr. Varner proposed this matter at the previous meeting. Mr. Leahy told the Board he highlighted (in the agenda material) what he felt was most important as far as using 2ft. x 2ft. chunks of concrete as fill. He mentioned there should be an exception, such as in using concrete for fill in abandoning a septic tank. The Board discussed the matter of concrete breaking down over time and concerns of that possibly causing a sinkhole.

Mr. Tibbs suggested the regulation be changed to allow concrete fill of 4-6 inches, with an exception of when using it as fill for abandoning a septic tank. The Board then decided on 6 inches being the maximum. If larger pieces are needed, a variance would be required. Board members discussed consulting with the conservation agent on whether there has to be a limit on the percentage per area to be allowed.

II. Variance / Extension Requests

A. 207 Page St. Milton Cat – diesel fuel tank canopy variance request

This item is tabled to the next meeting, as abutters must be notified.

B. 1044 Park St. Blue Hills Health & Rehab – Sewer / Food Permit extension request (continued from 10/16/2025)

Mr. David Ayesiyenga attended and informed the Board they now have a contractor and are requesting another extension.

Ms. Epro made a motion to extend the permits to the January meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded.

On the vote:

Mr. Taylor - yes Mr. Mr. Varner - yes Mrs. Epro – yes Mr. Tibbs - yes

C. 1305 Washington St. – Huggard & Ewing– tight tank and sewer connection update.(continued from 8/21/2025)

Mr. Perry mentioned they did submit an extension request and he has not had any complaints, so he recommended the Board grant another extension. Mr. Perry said they have 10 or 11 neighbors who have committed to join them in the sewer connection. He believes funding will be the biggest concern.

Ms. Epro made a motion to extend the permit to the February meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded.

On the vote:

Mr. Taylor - yes Mr. Mr. Varner - yes Mrs. Epro – yes Mr. Tibbs – yes

D. 756 Washington St. – KPA / Olivio's Restaurants dumpster pad variance request. (continued from 08/21/2025)

Mr. Piazza informed the Board he has a contractor ready to install the dumpster pad. It is expected it to be done on November 24th. Tenants will have to be out of the parking lot during the construction.

Mr. Tibbs said if it were completed before the next meeting, there will be no need to have it on the agenda. Mr. Tibbs welcomed a motion to accept the continuance.

Ms. Epro made a motion to accept the extension Mr. Varner seconded.

On the vote:

Mr. Taylor - yes Mr. Mr. Varner - yes Mrs. Epro – yes Mr. Tibbs – yes

III. Sanitarian Update

A. 1156 Park Street – Manufactured Home Park Septic System

Mr. Perry informed the Board of an upcoming court date on December 4th on this matter He expects to give an update at the next meeting.

IV. Correspondence

Open meeting minutes from October 16, 2025

Mrs. Epro made a motion to approve the minutes with any deletions or corrections. Mr. Varner seconded.

On the vote:

Mr. Varner – yes Mrs. Epro – yes Mr. Tibbs - yes

*Mr. Taylor did not vote, as he did not attend the November meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Epro and seconded by Mr. Varner, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

DOCUMENTS USED DURING THE MEETING:

1. Board of Health Tobacco Regulations (18 pgs.)
2. Refuse Policy – dated 1/22/91 – (1 pg.)
3. Variance Application from 207 Page St. (1 pg.)
4. Open session minutes of October 16, 2025 (3 pgs.)

Minutes of October 16, 2025 approved at this meeting