

**Heath Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2021**

I. The teleconference meeting was **called to order** at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**PRESENT:** Betsy Kovacs (Chair), Armand Clavette, Henry Godek, John Palmer; Gene Garland, *ex officio*

**ABSENT:** Susan Gruen; Mary Sumner—BoH Clerk; Randy Crochier, FRCOG Health Agent

**Also PRESENT:** Barbara Gordon

**II. Review of Mosquito Control Recommendation to SB and Preparation for Tuesday's Meeting:**

Betsy explained about difficulty of getting answers to questions raised by Select Board last week and asked that we confirm the SB's two questions:

1. What is the boundary between State and Mosquito Control District?

The Mosquito Control District is part of the State Department of Agriculture. Betsy asked that we review the document she wrote and sent to us before the meeting for clarity and exactness regarding boundary between State and PVMCD as regards spraying. Betsy read through her document regarding PVMCD's aid to towns while the BoH recommended erudite edits: e.g., whether it is possible for individual landowners to opt out of ground spraying in event of state of emergency.

Betsy asked whether we should send the document with edits directly to SB before the public hearing tomorrow. Henry, Armand, John said they were in agreement and wanted to have the SB receive the document ASAP. Barbara expressed concern about differing explanations/information from Carolyn Ness.

2. What is the best response to those who wish to know more about products used in spraying?

Barbara said the safety data sheet MSDs that Brian asked for is easily available on line. Advil 10+10, which is adulticide is produced by Clark, and she named the larvicide. We should say that these are the two products used.

John moved that we send the document to SB; seconded by Henry; Betsy, Henry, Armand, John—aye.

Betsy said she was uncertain about how tomorrow's meeting might proceed or how the SB might handle questions. Betsy said we should answer only questions asked. Henry agreed. Gene said simply to stick to questions asked as well.

**III. Opening of Town Buildings:**

Betsy asked if anyone has any questions about the document she wrote and sent to us before the meeting with a recommendation to the SB on reopening Town buildings. Henry moved that we send letter to SB regarding lifting of COVID restrictions; seconded by John. Betsy mentioned Susan's concerns regarding masks of those who are not vaccinated and the inability of enforcing face covering.

Barbara had a clarification about final sentence and signage.

Betsy, Henry, Armand, John—aye.

Betsy asked about best time for sending the recommendation. Henry moved we should send the letter to SB immediately; seconded by John; Betsy, Henry, Armand, John—aye.

BoH meeting adjourned at 5:43; seconded by Armand; Betsy, Henry, Armand, John—aye.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palmer, BoH member