

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
April 26, 2023
Approved: May 9, 2023

Board of Health Members present: Libby Levison; Sharon McCarthy; Chris Mitchell, Chair.

Others Attending: None.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and provided abbreviated remote meeting instructions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Preparation for Spring Town Meeting, including consider Article 6: Bare Hill Pond Algae Bloom Monitoring

Mr. Mitchell confirmed that he picked up the “Board of Health” banner and town meeting handouts from Town Hall. Ms. Levison stated that she invited a member of the Ambulance Service to join them for handout.

Ms. Levison indicated that she was contacted over the weekend by The Harvard Press and did her best to answer the reporter’s understanding from the BOH perspective. Ms. McCarthy stated that she spoke to Mr. Leicher and received the background that the Article was not approved by the Pond Committee but submitted by Town Administration after requested funding was cut from the Pond Committee’s requested FY24 budget. Ms. McCarthy indicated that the funding requested was to extend the sampling period for at least phosphorous, dissolved oxygen, and temperature, all indicators of the conditions that are the precursors that give rise to algal blooms. Ms. McCarthy stated that she understands that, if necessary, the Pond Committee would be amenable to a friendly-amendment that the funds be used to monitor the precursors and actions to mediate the precursors to algal blooms. Ms. McCarthy agreed to prepare a few copies of the friendly amendment in advance of Town Meeting. The Members agreed to stay silent on the Article unless needed.

The Members agreed to set up for hand-out of materials at 11:30 a.m.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ms. Levison suggested discussion of the Transfer Station be added to the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Levison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:13pm; Ms. McCarthy seconded. All were in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Flynn, Clerk

Documents Referenced:

- Posted Agenda