

TOWN OF HARWICH



*BOARD OF HEALTH*

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**TOWN OF HARWICH BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021- 2:30 P.M.  
HARWICH TOWN HALL – DONN B. GRIFFIN ROOM  
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Pamela Howell, R.N., Vice Chairwoman Sharon Pflieger, M.S. & Member Ronald Dowgiallo, D.M.D

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Antoine & Kevin DuPont, R.N.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Health Director Kathleen O’Neill & Executive Assistant Jennifer Clarke

OTHERS PRESENT: none

As required by law, the Town may audio or video record this meeting. Any person intending to either audio or video record this open session is required to inform the Chair

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Howell called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**II BOARD OF HEALTH DISCUSSION- Discussion on creation of fee structure for piggery applications**

Mr. Dowgiallo stated that he likes the Town of Dennis fee and that they have a regulation. Health Director O’Neill responded that the only problem with the Dennis is that they don’t currently have any piggeries in their town. Health Director O’Neill has spoken with all of the Health Agents on the Cape and there are no permitted piggeries at this point. Harwich currently has residents who wish to become licensed as a piggery. Mr. Dowgiallo asked if the resident has the land area for the pigs and if the pigs are already on the property. Health Director O’Neill responded that the Board cannot discuss any specific details and that this meeting is solely for the purpose of discussing the fee structure.

Health Director O’Neill added that it might make sense to have a residential fee structure for residents who would have pet pigs versus a commercial fee structure for residents who want to breed the pigs for consumption.

Ms. Pflieger noted that she likes the Town of Westport fee structure where it breaks it down from 1-4 pigs and 5+. She questioned the amount of acreage/space that would be required for the pigs, adding that you wouldn’t keep 5 pigs in the same size area that you would keep 25 pigs. Health Director O’Neill added that Harwich is a Right to Farm Town.

The Board agreed to have 2 separate permits; one for residential (2-4 pigs) and one for commercial/breeding (5+ pigs).

**III     OTHER**

No other items were discussed.

**IV     ADJOURN- The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.**

**Ms. Pflieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dowgiallo and approved 3-0-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jennifer Clarke**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Documents included in November 8, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Packet:

- November 8, 2021 Board of Health Agenda
- Survey of surrounding towns piggery applications and fees
- Any other information provided for/at the November 8, 2021 Board of Health Meeting