

TOWN of HINGHAM

BOARD of HEALTH

Board of Health Public Meeting

03/11/26

A posted public meeting of the Town of Hingham, Board of Health (the Board) was held in the East Hearing Room, 3rd floor, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. Dr. Eldredge called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Members Present

Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Chairperson

Rosemary Byrne, N.P., Member

Mark Lundin, Member

Staff Present

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Public Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the drafted meeting minutes of February 4, 2026

Thereafter, a motion was made by Rosemary, seconded by Mark and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2026, as amended.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Eldredge, Lundin

Members opposed: none

Items added to Agenda

Minutes from February 25, 2026

Thereafter, a motion was made by Rosemary, seconded by Mark and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2026, as amended.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Eldredge, Lundin

Members opposed: none

Nomination of the Inspector of Animals

Thereafter, a motion was made by Rosemary, seconded by Mark and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the nomination of Leslie Badger as the Inspector of Animals for the Town of Hingham.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Eldredge, Lundin

Members opposed: none

Items for Vote

156 CJC Hwy, Chief Justice LLC, Violations of Minimum Standard of Fitness for Human Habitation State Sanitary Code and Mass. State Environmental Code Title 5. Vote and determine if unfit for human habitation and order to secure and vacate the dwelling.

Dr. Eldredge explained that this hearing is to determine if the property is habitable for human habitation.

Atty. Bill Brown informed the board that he reviewed the letters, spoke to the engineer and is working on addressing all the issues in John Chessia's letter.

Atty. Brown said there were two deviations from the as built plan. First, there is too much cover over the field and second, the tank that was installed is a 2000 gallon instead of a 1500 gallon septic tank.

Mr. Lundin explained that the as-built cannot be done until the work that needs to be corrected is done. The final step in this process is for the Health Department to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Ms. Sarni explained that the process to occupy a dwelling is to first complete the septic system, then to obtain an occupancy permit from the Building Commission prior to moving into a dwelling however this resident is living in the dwelling prior to completing these steps

Mr. Lundin requested that a Title 5 inspection be completed on the system prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Dr. Eldredge explained that the Board is concerned because for over at least 9 months Mr. Butts has made no effort to rectify the issue and continues to live in the dwelling.

The Board directs that a Title 5 inspection be completed, the Certificate of Compliance be signed per the approved plans, and a revised as-built be submitted consistent with those plans. All materials must be completed and submitted for final Health Department sign-off by March 25th.

Thereafter, a motion was made by, Mr. Lundin seconded by Ms. Byrne and VOTED (roll call); That 156 Chief Justice Cushing Highway continue the hearing on March 25, 2026. The Board requests that a final as-built with a passing Title 5 inspection report be completed. Also, a signed Certificate of Compliance by the engineer of record and licensed installer with all deliverables to the Board of Health office by the close of business on March 25, 2026.

Members in favor: Byrne, Eldredge, Lundin

Members opposed: none

Items to Discuss:

New Business:

No New Business to Discuss.

EHO Report:

No EHO Report to Discuss.

Scheduling:

The next meeting in-person meeting is scheduled for: TBD

Adjournment

The public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned at 8:29pm.

Thereafter, a motion was made by seconded by and VOTED (roll call); to adjourn the Board of Health meeting @ 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Documents reviewed during the Public Meeting:

- *BOH of Health Meeting Agenda*
- *Board of Health Public Meeting Minutes dated 02/04/26*
- *Board of Health Joint Meeting with the Sewer Commission dated 2/25/26*
- *Letter dated 2/18/2026 to Mr. Fred Butts of 156 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy from Ms. Susan Sarni, EHO*
- *Letter dated 6/18/2025 to Ms. Sarni from Chessia Consulting Services re: Septic System As-Built, 156 CJC Hwy*
- *156 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Timeline*
- *Memo dated 3/11/26 from Hingham Board of Health to the Hingham Sewer Commission*
- *Letter dated 3/6/26 from Division of Animal Health, Re: Nomination of Inspector f Animals*
- *Nomination of Inspector of Animals nomination form*
- *Information regarding Inspector of Animals Appointment from MGL; Part 1, Title XIX, Chapter 129, Section 15*