1. **Administrative Tasks:**
   The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. No bills were submitted for payment. The October 5, 2020 Minutes were approved as amended. The Board did not review the August 31, 2020 Minutes. *Dr. Compagnone was not present for the meeting.

2. **Citizen Speak**
   The following members of the Milton community spoke during Citizen Speak:

   - **Erica Max** from the Wakefield Estate commended the Community for embracing chicken raising and stated that she is hopeful for a solution.
   - **John Barrington** stated that the Regulations should be written to protect the rights of all Milton residents. He pointed out that Milton had more adequate space for chicken raising in the past than there is now.
   - **Diana Hatcher** stated that she considers her chickens pets, not livestock, and that chicken raising is a hobby. She stated that chickens are kept within their pens, unlike cats, which roam around.
   - **Beth Mershon** stated that her children are actively involved in chicken raising and expressed concern that setback rules could negate people from keeping chickens. She added that chickens eat ticks which is an added benefit.
   - **Jackie Slavik** expressed agreement that chicken regulations be separate from livestock.
   - **Kathy Smith** stated that chicken raising is a great family activity and expressed hope that setbacks will not restrict people from keeping chickens.
   - **Catherine Simpson** stated that chickens should not be considered livestock and that stricter setbacks would be prohibitive. She also stated that chickens were enjoyable to neighbors during the pandemic.

3. **Continuation of Public Hearing regarding revisions to Board of Health regulations concerning the Keeping of Animals in the Town of Milton and potential vote by the Board of Health to adopt proposed revisions.**
   The Health Agent stated that she received 21 letters in support of chickens and shared these letters with the Board. We also had comments for animal capacity/setback requirements for chickens and other general comments relating to the proposed definitions. The Health Department also received
public comments regarding animal capacity and definitions relating to animals. She stated that more clarity with the language of the Regulations is needed before the Board votes on a final draft. She will review with Town Counsel. Attorney Doug Troyer and Animal Control Officer Nancy Bersani offered suggestions for edits to the language. The Health Director asked for further comments prior to closing the Hearing. The Health Agent reiterated that the Board will not vote at tonight’s meeting and that she would send a final version to Board members for a final vote. The Board agreed to meet on October 27th at 5:30 p.m. for a final vote. Attorney Troyer requested to speak regarding some final comments which the Board allowed. The Barringtons also asked to speak and the Board allowed them two minutes. They requested more clarity regarding the guidelines in the Regulations. The Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

4. 7:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. consideration and Vote regarding Keeping of Animals stable permit for Hillside Stables at H&H Farm, LLC located at 633 Harland Street Stable
The Health Director reviewed the proposed changes to the permit for said stable which include monthly manure removal and manure storage, dumpster removal, new access route via Harland Street, privacy fence, and a new proposed location for the dumpster. Attorney Troyer stated that it is an improvement but reiterated that it is a small lot for an operation of this size. He asked for clarity regarding private vs. commercial stables. John Powell, complainant, of 237 Hillside Street highlighted important points made over the past year and stated that he believes that the Town should adopt similar Regulations of neighboring towns. He requested that the permit be reduced to eight horses, stating the present amount of 12 to be too many animals for such a small parcel of land. He asked the Board to take his comments into consideration. Chris Stoeckle spoke next stating that he was under the impression that he and the Powells had come to a resolution. He reiterated that he is not operating a big business with big profits. Member Musto commended both attorneys for working together towards a resolution. A discussion followed regarding an appropriate covering (tarp) for the dumpster. The Health Agent assured the Powells that she received expert advise regarding the tarp covering and the Powells therefore had no issues with that. The Board voted all in favor of the animal stable permit for Hillside Stables at H&H Farm, LLC located at 633 Harland Street.

The Health Agent stated that an unannounced inspection would be conducted. Mr. Stoeckle expressed concern regarding the timeframe for the completion of the access road.

5. Board of Health recommendations regarding sidewalks on both sides of subdivisions.
The Health Director stated that she is in favor of sidewalks on both sides of subdivisions and does not agree that the Planning Board should grant waivers pertaining to this. The Health Director wrote a proposal stating the benefits of sidewalks on both sides of the street for Milton residents. The Board voted all in favor of the Health Director’s recommendation.

6. Assistant Health Director job description and discussion of potential position
The Health Director presented to the Board an urgent need for an assistant in the Health Department, stating that there is not adequate staffing and that the large volume of work is not manageable. She wrote a job description and expressed her preference that the assistant be a nurse. She asked that the Board review the job description and provide feedback. The Health
Director is working 7 days per week and is unable to keep up with the complex demands of this position in a timely manner. The Health Director cannot allot the appropriate amount of time to satisfy the complex and numerous demands that we are receiving in the Health Department. Her goal is that Milton is better able to offer residents more services especially devoted to Emergency Preparedness and infectious diseases.

7. Report of the Health Director
The Health Director asked the Board to revisit an application submitted by Dr. Boone for a Halloween party at the Town Gazebo. He changed his application for reconsideration stating that only five families are invited with social distancing, masks will be worn, and there will be no shared food. The entertainer will be socially distanced inside the Gazebo. Member Musto expressed concern about the gathering being held on Town property as it relates to liability. Member Stenson suggested that the Board adhere to their previous decision to not approve of said gathering. The Board agreed.

- Town wide flu clinic on Thursday, October 22nd from 3 – 7 p.m. The first hour is for senior residents. Employee flu clinic Thursday, October 29th. The Health Department has almost 1000 doses of vaccine.
- The Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratories is giving a grant for flu supplies and stipends for nurses. The money will go into the Revolving fund which the Health Director said that she would like to increase.
- Milton is now in the COVID “Red Zone”. Daily case averages exceeding 2.29 will be categorized into the Red Zone. She stated that cases at Curry, specifically cases at Dorm 886 and Mayflower have resulted in the increase in cases. Three consecutive red zones set the Town back in their reopening phases.
- B.U. is assisting with data mapping.
- Mandatory mask zones have been rewritten by Select Board member Zullas: “Proclamation to Promote Mask Zone”. Mr. Zullas wants to promote commercial zones as “mask zones” from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. until further notice. The Board agrees there is no difference in this current proposal from his previous proposals and does not see a need for this mandate. The Board has discussed this proposal on three separate occasions and voted three times that they are not in favor of this mask zone.
- Laurie Stillman’s new contract for next year includes a 2% raise.
- Mike’s 5K Race for Substance Abuse was virtual this year but some members of the MSAPC walked the route.
- Drug Take Back Day is Saturday October 24th from 10-2. The Health Director will be in attendance.

8. Letter: Detrimental Health Effects of RNAV PLANE Flights over Milton
Member Musto asked where the proposed RNAV is going. She stated that a letter was sent to the Select Board and that there are two FAA meetings scheduled in the near future.

9. Performance Appraisal Health Director
The Board conducted an annual job performance appraisal on Caroline Kinsella, Health Director.
10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Mary F. Stenson
Secretary