Merrimac Board of Health Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00
LOCATION: Training Room at the Merrimac Police Station

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Merrimac, MA
Board of Health

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Calcagni at 7:02 pm. Member Sargent and Health Agent Ketchen were present. Member Crocker was absent.

II. **Approve Agenda:**
The agenda was approved 2-0-0. Motion made by Chairperson Calcagni and seconded by Member Sargent.

III. **Approval of Prior Minutes:**
The minutes from the June 26, 2026 meeting of the Board were approved 2-0-0. Motion made by Member Sargent and seconded by Chairperson Calcagni.

IV. **Correspondence:**
The Board reviewed correspondence.

V. **Health Agent Report:**
The Health Agent provided her report.

VI. **Unfinished Business:**
The Board continued to discuss an outstanding bill from Verizon. The bill is for cell phone and internet service related to a grant-funded, regional emergency preparedness coalition.

The Health Agent reported that she's been in communication with the coalition and the consultancy firm helping to organize it. They have insisted that paying the bill is the responsibility of the municipality and not the coalition.

Member Sargent expressed that the processes related to this topic have not been clear. He saw value in reaching out to the coalition and other public officials to resolve the matter.

The Health Agent responded that she has been in communication with those parties and they maintain their position on the matter.

Chairperson Calcagni clarified the expectations for participating in the coalition.

Member Sargent requested an in-person meeting with the Health Agent to try to resolve the matter. A meeting between the two was tentatively scheduled for a day later in the week.

The Board will continue to discuss the matter during their next meeting.

VII. **New Business:**

- The Board approved a permit for the Keeping of Animals

- The Board discussed regulations related to grease disposal.
- The Board inquired about updates on the hazardous materials collection event. An invoice from the contractor is forthcoming.

VIII. Next Meeting Dates:

Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00. Location to be confirmed at a later date.

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm by a vote of 2-0-0. Motion made by Chairperson Calcagni and seconded by Member Sargent.

Chairperson: Ashlyn Calcagni

Member: Jason Sargent

Member: Bronwyn Frye Crocker

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Date Submitted to Clerk: 9/22/26

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