



Town of Mendon
Board of Health
 18 Main Street
 Mendon, MA 01756

MINUTES APPROVED
 By Board of Health on
 FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – November 8, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED	
Alan Greenberg • Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
Tom Fichtner • Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
Joyce Gilmore • Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. Health Admin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
Colleen Strapponi – Health Agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME	END TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		6:30 PM	8:05 PM

At 6:30 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and with a couple of scheduling conflicts, Chairman Greenberg begins with the 3rd Item on tonight’s agenda.

1st Item on Agenda **Marchand Environmental Permit Review**
 NOT DISCUSSED – SCHEDULING CONFLICT

2nd Item on Agenda **Animal Inspector – Danielle Edmands**
 NOT DISCUSSED – SCHEDULING CONFLICT

3rd Item on Agenda **Old Mendon Landfill Access Agreement**
 Tom Fichtner alerts the Board that Jennifer Snay, the Atlas Representative who monitors the Wells on the Landfill, is joining the meeting online. Tom Fichtner updates the Board on Jennifer’s position and thought it would be great to have her at the meeting so the Board can discuss the Landfill options with her directly. Chairman Greenberg asks Jennifer that in regard to the Access Agreement, what would happen if the Property Owner says “No” to it. Jennifer responded that if that were the case, then DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) would get involved as it is required by State Laws to have the Landfill monitored. Chairman Greenberg asked that in respect to the Third-Party Inspection Report on the Landfill, who is responsible for the repairs, the Town of the Property Owner? Jennifer responded that she is not sure. Jennifer said that normally the Landfill is Town Owned, but in Mendon’s case, it was used by Mendon Residents, but on private property. The concerns found on the report stated the Catch Basin near the driveway is caving in and a depression in the landfill cap. The Board continued to discuss the Third-Party Inspection Report and Monitoring Wells being tested and thanks Jennifer for her time at tonight’s meeting. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the 4th Agenda Topic.

4th Item on Agenda **Municipal Trash Discussion**
 Jack updates the Board that he spoke with the Interim Town Administrator, David Demanche, to see if the Board of Health can be put on the Select Boards Agenda. Jack is waiting for a confirmation of a date from David Demanche. Jack presented past years averages on the Trash Subscriber Services and estimated the cost savings to subscribers if the municipal trash was removed out of the subscriber’s total trash and recycling costs. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 5th Agenda Topic.

5th Item on Agenda **Health Agent’s Update**
 Colleen updates the Board that 10 Northbridge is still being monitored and sees no issues with the septic system so far. Colleen updates the Board that 40 North Avenue is still being monitored and sees no issues with the septic system so far. Colleen will continue to monitor both properties and will keep the Board informed of her findings. Colleen updates the Board

that the Sun Rise Apartments, on Blackstone Street, has not received any new cases of Bed Bug issues. Colleen is still in contact with the Property Manager and that they both are continually monitoring the situation. Colleen updates the Board that she reached out to Jodie Brighenti, from the Leominster Tobacco Alliance, about scheduling the Youth Compliance Checks for the Tobacco Establishments in Town and just waiting on a date. Colleen updates the Board that the Emergency Preparedness Presentation at the Senior Center yesterday was a great success. Colleen updates the Board that the Police Chief will accept a Narcan Box available to the Public be installed in the Police Station Lobby. Once the Narcan Box is installed in the Police Station Lobby, the Board of Health will put its availability on the Website and send out a News Announcement. Colleen updates the Board that she received a complaint about the business being operated at 82 Cape Road (Copart). The complaint came from a Bellingham resident who expressed concerns about the air quality in his residential neighborhood and property due to the abutting auto auction/auto salvage business. The complaint suggests that when Copart moves inventory on their property, a substantial amount of dust, sand, and whatever else is in the soil is blown into air and when the wind is coming it blows it across to the resident's property, voluminous enough for the resident to have health concerns. Colleen stated that she reached out to Copart's Property Manager and the Bellingham Board of Health and will be meeting with them tomorrow morning to review and discuss the situation and will keep the Board informed of her visit. Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen and moves on to the 6th Agenda Topic.

6th Item on Agenda **Outstanding Old Business Review & Discussion**

Jack updates the Board that in regard to the Rooster Regulations update, Jack was still unable to get anywhere with the Agricultural Commission, so Jack reached out to Tom Fichtner for his assistance and Tom Fichter was able to reach one of the Agricultural Commission Members, and Jack was able to get an email address to forward over for that AgComm Member to review.

Jack updates the Board that in regard to the EL Harvey Contract, that Town Counsel still has in under review and has not received any updates.

Jack updates the Board that in regard to the Updated Tobacco Regulations, that Town Counsel still has in under review and has not received any updates.

Jack updates the Board that he went through the remaining properties around Lake Nipmuc and verified what properties have Tight Tanks and will start a database for all properties in Mendon to keep track of the septic systems in use. Jack did confirm that he did speak with Steve Donatelli, Title 5 Engineer, that it is part of the Regulations to have a Tight Tank Operation and Maintenance Plan on file with the Board of Health.

Jack updates the Board that he received back the Certified Mail Card that was sent to the Property Owner of 43 Blackstone Street, requesting a copy of their Title 5 Inspection Report. Jack gave the Owner 10 days for response, and it has gone past the 10 days without any response from the Property Owner. Jack requested permission from the Board to send a Title 5 Enforcement Order, outlining the enforcement of the Title 5 request. The Board approves Jack to send the Title 5 Enforcement Order out to the Property Owner.

Jack updates the Board that he spoke with Tom Ryder, the Professional Engineer for Mendon, regarding the Well Regulations update. Tom Ryder said its still on his radar and is hooping to have another Draft for the Board by the end of December.

7th Item on Agenda **Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours**

Tom Fichter asked for follow-up regarding the email from DPH on the Emergency Preparedness Response Survey. Jack responded that he completed the survey and sent it back to DPH. Tom Fichter asked for follow-up regarding the email pertaining to the Municipal Opioid Expenditure Report Requirements. Colleen responded that the Police Station would have that under their budget process. Tom Fichter mentions that he was asked about the possibility of waiving the Food Permit Fees to non-profits who do events in Town. Since Joyce is not in attendance, Chairman Greenberg asked Jack to put this topic on its next agenda.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – December 6th at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to adjourn tonight’s meeting.

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to adjourn tonight’s BOH Meeting. Chairman Greenberg steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Abstained.

Meeting is ended at 8:05 PM.

