



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 – October 25, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" 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		7:00 PM	9:12 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA			

At 7:00 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and begins with the 1st Item on tonight's agenda.

1st Item on Agenda

Flu Shot Clinics Update

Jack updates the Board on the attendance received by the Senior Center Flu Shot Clinic in which 12 individuals participated and the Miscoe Middle School Flu Shot Clinic in which 36 individuals participated. Chairman Greenberg asked how this year compared to last years attendance. Jack responded that the Senior Center had 15 last year and Miscoe had 48 last year. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves onto the next Agenda topic.

2nd Item on Agenda

Municipal Trash/Recycling Discussion

Jack informs the Board that Mike Szczepan, Representative from EL Harvey, is joining the meeting virtually. Jack updates the Board that with the current FY24 Harvey Contract, Municipal Trash Collection and Subscribers Collection are combined in the total costs of the contract year. Jack, working in collaboration with Mike, figured out the Municipal Trash Collection portion of the total contract. Jack discusses the cost differential if the municipal trash portion and the subscribers trash portion were separated, therefore, only charging the rate that the Subscribers are truly responsible for. The Board discusses what Jack has presented and asks Mike about the Municipal Dumpsters on how often they are picked up. Mike responded that the Town Dumpsters are picked up on a weekly basis, on the same day, but should the sizes be too big or too small, that should be a discussion that the Board should have with each department. Tom Fichtner asked Mike if the Dumpsters could be monitored on how full they are on weekly pickup. Mike said he'll ask the driver, but really depends on the season and also if its all department trash or is it mixed with anyone dumping into it because they can gain access, but Mike will look into providing more information regarding the number of dumpsters and costs. The Board thanks Mike for joining tonight's meeting and continues the discussion of municipal trash services and subscriber trash services. After further discussion, Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda

Mendon Landfill Discussion

Jack updates the Board that he spoke with Atlas, who does the Landfill Well Monitoring, that the Third-Party Inspection will be scheduled soon, but not sure of exact date, but will let us know. Jack also updates the Board that Atlas had sent over a Draft of an Access Agreement for the Boards review. Tom Fichtner believes it would be a great thing to have, but also he has been in talks with an abutter of the property who has been collecting information over the years about the landfill, and is hoping to obtain that information so that the Board will have copies for our own records. In the meantime, Chairman Greenberg has asked Jack to reach out to Town Counsel to start getting them up to speed on the Landfill Monitoring, and schedule Counsel for the next available Board meeting so that it may be discussed in more detail. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves onto the next Agenda topic.

4th Item on Agenda

Health Agents Report

Colleen updates the Board that 10 Northbridge Street is still being monitored for any septic issues and has not found any so far. Colleen said that she spoke to the property owner and that the property owner was going to an Engineer to have septic plans designed. Colleen will follow up on the progress. Colleen updates the Board in regard to 40 North Avenue that the septic system was just pumped and will continue monitoring the property. Colleen updates the Board that Sun Rise Apartments, on Blackstone Street, has the Bed Bug situation under control and has been monitoring the ongoing process with the Property manager as no new activity has occurred. Colleen updates the Board that her and Jodie Brighenti, from the Leominster Tobacco Alliance, have visited the Tobacco Establishments in Mendon and have conducted the Educational portion of their compliance checks. Colleen mentioned that 1 of the Establishments was in violation of the Mendon Tobacco Regulations, and the Board discussed the situation and decided to issue a written verbal warning to the establishment. Colleen updates the Board that the Narcan Training was held at the Town Hall and had 7 Staff in attendance, and it was very well received. Colleen also mentioned that she is going to speak with the Police Chief to see if Narcan Kits can be made available at the police station. Colleen updates the Board that on November 7th, that there will be an Emergency Preparedness Presentation at the Senior Center that the Board of Health is sponsoring. Colleen updates the Board that she requested the Mobile Vaccine Unit to administer the Covid Booster and just waiting on their response. Colleen updates the Board that she is working with Dunkin Donuts on Route 16 in regard to the Food Safety Regulations, nothing to be concerned about, but just minor infractions that could be remedied easily. Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen for all the updates and moves onto the next Agenda topic.

5th Item on Agenda

Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Tom Fichtner asked Jack for an update on the Tight Tank Maintenance Plans if the Board had anything in the files. Jack updates the Board that he did go through about 7 properties and only found 1 maintenance plan for the Tight Tank back in 1995, but it was not from the Septic Pumper who is providing the services now. Chairman Greenberg asked if there was a Regulation somewhere that this was a necessity for the Board to have on file. Jack said he'd reach out to Steve Donatelli, Title 5 Engineer, who would be able to clarify the necessity.

Tom Fichtner asked Jack if there was any communication regarding Marchand Environmental. Jack updates the Board that he did speak with Attorney Ernie Horn, and that Attorney Horn would like to be present with his Client, Michael Marchand, Sr., at the next available Board of Health Meeting to discuss further.

Tom Fichtner asked if there were any updates on the Rooster Regulations. Jack informed the Board that he had reached out to the Agricultural Commission but had not received any response. Jack will send out a follow-up email to them to check the status.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – November 8th at 6:30 pm.

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

Joyce makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

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

Meeting is ended at 9:12 PM.