



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 – December 6, 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		6:30 PM	9:00 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taft Public Library – Downstairs Meeting Room • 29 North Avenue, Mendon MA			

With audio issues corrected and at 6:35 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

Marchand LLC Hauler's Permit Discussion

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for joining tonight's meeting and wanted to confirm that Marchand Environmental's permit paperwork for 2023 has been received and is in order. Jack responded that it is up to date. Attorney Horn, who is representing Marchand Environmental, wanted to introduce Sarah Cashman, who will be working with Marchand Environmental as their administrative assistant. Sarah greets the Board and updates them that she will be processing all permit paperwork for 2024 on behalf of Marchand Environmental. Chairman Greenberg asks Michael Marchand, Jr., the person-in-charge of Marchand Environmental, if he understood that Marchand Environmental was operating in Mendon without a Permit. Mr. Marchand, Jr. confirmed he was aware.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the 2023 Septic Hauler Permit Paperwork for Marchand Environmental and grant the issuance of the 2023 Permit.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the 2023 Septic Hauler Permit Paperwork for Marchand Environmental and grant the issuance of the 2023 Permit. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Attorney Horn requests that the Board also rescind the Cease-And-Desist Order previously issued to Marchand Environmental.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to rescind the Cease-And-Desist Order previously issued by the Mendon Board of Health to Marchand Environmental.

Joyce makes the motion to rescind the Cease-And-Desist Order previously issued by the Mendon Board of Health to Marchand Environmental. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for joining on this topic and moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda

2024 Tobacco Sales Regulations

Jack updates the Board that Town Counsel has reviewed the updated 2024 Tobacco Sales Regulations for Mendon and has given their blessing. The Board reviews and discusses the updates.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the updated 2024 Tobacco Sales Regulations to take effect on January 1, 2024.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the updated 2024 Tobacco Sales Regulations to take effect on January 1, 2024. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the next Agenda Topic.

3rd Item on Agenda

Old Mendon Landfill Update

Tom Fichtner updates the Board that he was able to connect with the abutter of 28 Bellingham Street and was able to obtain a binders and folders of documents that they have collected throughout the years. The Board reviewed some of the documentation and discussed. Chairman Greenberg suggested Jack and Colleen go through the new documentation provided to see what is new and what may be duplicate from what the Board already has in its possession. Chairman Greenberg asked if anyone had anymore to add on this topic. No one had anything else to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves onto the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda

Municipal Trash Discussion Update

Jack updates the Board that after calculating the numbers for municipal trash services, Jack wanted to speak with Jody, the Finance Director, to get her input on how this should be handled in regard to billing the costs to the Town, but was unable to speak with her before tonight's meeting. The Board discussed and asked Jack to reach out to both Jody and Eric, the Town Accountant, with the calculations to get their thoughts on how to move forward. Jack responded that he'll email them both tomorrow morning. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves onto the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda

Mendon Board of Health Title 5 Regulation Discussion

Jack updates the Board that Title 5 Regulations have exemptions that don't require a Title 5 Inspection Report to be completed when the sale of a property occurs. In searching other Boards of Health regulations, Jack found a regulation that would eliminate the loophole and asked the Board if they would like to adopt it as a Mendon Regulation. The Board reviewed and discussed and would like Town Counsel to review the regulation to get their input. Jack said he would forward for Counsel's review. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves onto the 6th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Health Agent's Update

Colleen updates the Board that 10 Northbridge Street's septic system is still being monitored and visited the property yesterday to find that the system needed to be pumped. Colleen spoke to the Property Owner and the Owner was going to call a Pumper today to have it serviced and will keep the Board updated.

Colleen updates the Board that 40 North Avenue's septic system is still being monitored, and no outbreaks have been seen, so she will keep the Board updated.

Colleen updates the Board that she spoke to Jodie Breggenti, from the Leominster Tobacco Enforcement, that they are going to schedule the Youth Compliance Checks very shortly and will keep the Board informed.

Colleen updates the Board that the Narcan Box has been installed in the lobby of the Police Station and announcements will soon be going out to alert the Public.

Colleen updates the Board that she is working with the Senior Center and the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health (BVPPH) to schedule a Fall Presentation Seminar for the Seniors and will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Colleen updates the Board that she made an onsite visit last week to 82 Cape Road (Copart) who had a complaint about air quality from a Bellingham Resident. Colleen, Shawn, the Manager of Copart, Dylan, from the Bellingham Board of Health and a Representative from the Department of Environmental Protection, walked the property and discussed the mitigation plan to reduce the amount of dust and other particles that could get blown across the way into Bellingham.

Colleen updates the Board that she is wrapping up the remaining Food Establishment Inspections to finish off the year and working on the new Food Establishment Permits for 2024.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen and moves onto the next Agenda Topic.

7th Item on Agenda Minutes Review and Approval for April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, and June 28, 2023

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023.

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023, as written. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2023.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2023, as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-No Vote, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2023.

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2023, as written. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2023.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2023, as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2023.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2023, as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2023.

Chairman Greenberg steps down and makes the motion to accept the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2023, as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-No Vote.**

8th Item on Agenda Outstanding Old Business Review & Discussion

Tom Fichtner updates the Board that the Agricultural Commission has reviewed and approved the proposed changes requested to the Purpose section of the Rooster Regulations.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the updated Rooster Regulations.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the updated Rooster Regulations as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Jack updates the Board that he reached out to Town Counsel regarding the EL Harvey Contract and was told he should have a final revision before the next Board of Health Meeting. Jack also reached out to Tom Ryder, regarding the Updated Well Regulations, but has not heard back to provide an update.

Tom Fichter suggested, in addition to the EL Harvey Contract, the possibility of developing a survey to all Trash Subscribers to get a feel on how they think the Services they are receiving have been. The Board discussed and thought it would be a good idea to do an online survey of a few questions to get the Subscribers feedback on the services.

Tom Fichter wanted to mention the idea of waiving the food permit fee for charity groups who do Town Events. Chairman Greenberg suggested it be added as a Topic for the next Board of Health Meeting.

9th Item on Agenda Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours
NONE

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – December 20th 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 9:00 PM.

