



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
January 11, 2017**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg - Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Location – Board of Health Office– 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

The Board discussed the possibility of capping the amount of permits they issue for selling tobacco. Chairman Fiske read an article in a local paper regarding the Milford Board of Health placing a cap. He asked Missy to reach out to the Milford Board of Health and DJ Wilson.

Tom and Alan still working on plans to visit all food establishments in Mendon to do a survey. The Board wants to know if they should change the time of year that food permits would be issued, along with finding out if there are other services that the BOH could provide that would assist their business, such as organizing local SafeServe classes.

Next, the Board reviewed the letter that is to be sent to MURSD regarding the septic system utilized by the Clough School. The Board will revise the letter a bit further to also incorporate elements provided by Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer).

The Board then reviewed draft sample letters that are designated to be sent to engineering firms who are either currently working in Mendon or who have worked in Mendon in the past. After review, the Board determined the desired format & language they wish to convey. Also, the Board will change the initially proposed length of age of a septic tank from a 10-year requirement to 15 year. This would mean that during the repair or upgrade of any septic system if it is determined that the age of a septic tank is greater than 15 years, the tank must be replaced.

Next, the Board discussed the desire to work with Public Safety regarding dog bite protocol. Currently, there is nothing on the website addressing what a resident should do if they are bit by a dog. Missy has looked at area towns' websites and could not find anything.

The Board then discussed their desire to revise their Private Well Regulations this year. The current Regulations have not changed or updated since 2003.

Next meeting will be January 25, 2017.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved March 8, 2017