



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

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
 DECEMBER 06, 2023

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – April 26, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
Alan Greenberg • Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input 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
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		7:00 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		8:36 PM

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

1st Item on Agenda

Mendon Food Code Regulations with Daniel Markman

Vice-Chairman Fichtner recognizes Daniel Markman, Health Agent from the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health, and asks Daniel to give a background to everyone on the Regulations. Daniel said the purpose is to standardize the regulations among the 8 Towns within the Collaborative. Most of the regulations are coded with what Mendon is already doing, but it's more on specifying the application fees, specific paperwork when applying for a Food Permit, things that are geared specifically for Mendon alone. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Daniel and after discussion with Joyce, both are good with the regulations and put it to a vote. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if anyone had additional comments before voting, no one had anymore to add.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner steps down and makes the motion to accept the proposed Mendon Food Code Regulations as presented. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Absent/No Vote, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner moves on the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda

Trash & Recycling Services Discussion

Jack updates the Board that he has received the tonnage amounts from EL Harvey to estimate the subscriber's rate for FY24. After calculating the past years tonnage and estimated tonnage, Jack has concluded that the Standard Rate would be \$406 per Subscriber and \$203 per Senior Subscriber for the new FY24 Contract with EL Harvey. Jack mentions that this new rate will include the new Trash and Recycling Toters at 65-Gallons each for the new trash/recycling automation program. Vice-Chairman Fichtner suggests getting the word out about the new program and the new rates before the trash bills are sent out, so residents are not caught off guard. Joyce recommends putting it in the Town Newspaper and the Senior Center Newsletter. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks Jack to have EL Harvey proceed with the new FY24 Contract and in the meantime, the Board will work on getting the word out to all residents in town. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Vice-Chairman Fichtner moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda

Landfill Testing Discussion

Vice-Chairman Fichtner gives an update that over the past few months, he has been working with the MassDEP about the former landfill on Bellingham Street. Vice-Chairman Fichtner mentions that the landfill was closed in the late 1970's and inquired about reducing the amount of testing being done. Vice-Chairman Fichtner recalls that there was a 30-year period to conduct the testing, and since Mendon was past that mark, that prompted him to call MassDEP. After further discussion, Vice-Chairman Fichtner stated that there would always be ground water testing done, but a matter of reducing the gas monitoring testing. In conversations with

MassDEP, Vice-Chairman Fichtner also stated that Mendon would need to have an Inspector conduct a visit every 2 years to walk the property and monitor the capping of the landfill. Vice-Chairman Fichtner reached out to our Landfill Testing Vendor, Atlas, and ask if they would be able to provide the Inspectional Services along with the ground water testing, and gas monitoring. Jennifer Snay, an Atlas Representative, said they could provide the inspectional services as well. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Vice-Chairman Fichtner moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda Health Agent Position Discussion

Jack updates the Board that he reached out to the Town Administrator regarding reallocating 2 line items in the BOH FY24 Budget to cover the Health Agent Salary, and he hasn't heard back yet. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Vice-Chairman Fichtner moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda Sharps Kiosk Disposal Discussion

Jack updates the Board that after doing cost comparisons and providing residents with their own Sharps Disposal Kiosk inside the BOH Office, would be beneficial as opposed to purchasing individual sharps disposal containers. After discussion, both Vice-Chairman Fichtner and Joyce agree to move forward with purchasing Mendon's first Sharps Disposal Kiosk.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner steps down and makes the motion to acquire a sharps disposal kiosk. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg- Absent/No Vote, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Jack brings up that the Select Board has moved forward in creating a Lake Nipmuc Task Force Committee. Jack also updates the Board that letters requesting pumping records did get mailed out to the homeowners around Lake Nipmuc and started receiving some responses. Jack also updates the Board that Hazardous Waste Day has been confirmed for Saturday, August 12th.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if anyone had additional comments before ending tonight's meeting. No one had anymore to add.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – May 10th at 7:30 pm.

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

Joyce makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Vice-Chairman Fichtner steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg- Absent/No Vote, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Meeting is ended at 8:36 PM.