



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
August 13, 2015**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

5 Joseph Road – Bruce and Margret Howe came to talk with the Board about their septic system. The current design plan, which was done in 1976, indicates the system is currently designed to support a 3 bedroom structure. Mr. & Mrs. Howe would like to add a 4th bedroom so they have come before the Board to determine if this is feasible. The Board recommended to Mr. & Mrs. Howe that they should start with consulting an engineer with respect to performing a perc test. At a minimum, a new two-compartment septic tank will be required, as this is part of the Board of Health requirements.

New Library – Tom F. previously spoke with Sue Connors at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection concerning the well at the new library located on North Avenue. Initial belief of the MassDEP is that this well, based on conditions outlined by MassDEP to the Library Committee, would not need to be defined as a PWS. However, in understanding requirements set forth in MassDEP guidelines, pertaining to the definition of a PWS, the Board has reservations about the well not being designated as a Public Water Supply. The Board discussed with Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer & present at this meeting) the engineering aspects related to classifying this well as either a private well or PWS, factoring in such topics as rate of use by visitors. Upon concluding discussion, the Board decided that the next step would be to reach out to the Board of Selectmen, since this issue involves a town-managed property. The Board has instructed Missy to send a memo to the BOS requesting to discuss this matter at the next possible BOS meeting.

19 North Avenue – The Board reviewed the local up-grade request for this property. Tom Ryder did approve the plans. The local up-grade is for the reduction in the separation of distance between proposed leach system location and private water supply wells. (60' and 63' requested) Tom F. made a motion to approve the request as stated on the plans. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

29 Hartford Avenue West – The Board has decided to have Lenny (BOH Health Agent) schedule the time & date for the inspection. This property has been under a BOH Condemnation Order for quite some time. This discussion has been fluid and on-going.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes for June 17, 2015. Andy seconds the motion. Both members approve. Motion carried. Alan abstained as he was not in attendance for that meeting.

Tom R. showed the Board a map that he has made of the Lake Nipmuc area. This was done in response to the BOH's concerns with test results at the Town beach. Test results have been showing inconsistent readings, with some readings of E Coli being so high this year that the

beach has had to close on some occasions. The Board will use the map to see what properties have recently up-graded septic systems and what has been the pumping schedules of systems residing on property in close proximity to the lake.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved September 30, 2015