



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 – August 23, 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
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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		7:30 PM
		END TIME
		8:57 PM

At 7:30 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 **EL Harvey FY24 Contract Update**

Jack updates the Board that he spoke with Mike Szczepan from EL Harvey and that Mike has not received anything back from the Counsel, so Mendon is still waiting on the Contract. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Jack and moves onto the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda **Mendon Landfill Update**

Jack updates the Board that he is working with MassDEP in regard to finding archived files from the Landfill back in the 1970's and 1980's. Jack said he has received some documents so far and hoping more will continue to come in. Jack stated that he and Collen have both been going through the files trying to locate pertinent documentation related to the closing of the landfill. Vice-Chairman Fichtner and Joyce mentions that they would be interested in seeing what comes from MassDEP and what the BOH currently has in its own archives. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if there are any more comments on this topic. No one had anything more to add. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Jack and Colleen for their work and moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda **Hazardous Waste Day Update**

Jack updates the Board that the event went very well. In comparison to last years event, Mendon had a few more cars at this years event. Jack also mentions that when the time gets close, he will try to get a September date for 2024 where Clean Harbors and EL Harvey are available to provide the services. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if there are any more comments on this topic. No one had anything more to add. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Jack and moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda **Recycling & Energy Drive Discussion**

Jack wanted to update the Board that the Town Recycling & Energy Drive will be the 1st time event and that it is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 10am to 2pm and held at Miscoe Middle School. Sponsored by Green Team Junk Removal and National Grid, this would be no cost to the Town, and also, the towns of Hopedale and Upton would be included at this event. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if there are any more comments on this topic. No one had anything more to add. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Jack and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda **Health Agent's Report**

Colleen updates the Board that she has been in contact with the Property Owner at 10 Northbridge Street regarding the septic system and that the system was just recently pumped and the Property owner is working with an Engineer to get a new septic system designed for the property. Colleen said she would keep this on her radar and keep the Board informed of the progress.

Colleen updates the Board that another property at 40 North Ave, may have a septic issue. Both Colleen and Steve Donatelli, Mendon Title 5 Inspector, both viewed the property and found the system to be in failure. In speaking with the Property Owner, Colleen mentions that the Owner is getting a Licensed Septic Hauler to the property to have the system pumped. Colleen said she would also keep this on her radar and keep the Board informed of the progress.

Colleen updates the Board on 10 Cape Road concerning the Housing Code Violations and is working with the Property Owner on the pest control part of the violations and the reports received so far from the Pest Control company. Also, there are just a few more minor fixes that need to be made to the property. Also, Colleen has received another complaint from the Tenant at this property about yellow water. Colleen made an onsite visit and ran the faucets in clear containers and found no discoloration of the water. Colleen mentioned that the property is on the Town of Hopedale public water supply, and during the discoloration of the water the Tenant was experiencing, fire hydrants were being used nearby to fill a Tanker Truck. Colleen will be doing another follow up visit to the property to visually inspect the progress and will keep the Board informed.

Colleen brings to the Board's attention that she received a complaint from Sun Rise Apartments concerning Bed Bugs. Colleen has been speaking with both the Manager of the Housing Authority and the Pest Control Vendor regarding treatment and will send the BOH the inspection reports. Colleen will keep following up on this and will update the Board of any new developments.

Colleen mentions that she has been visiting the Food Establishments in Mendon, introducing herself as the Health Agent and has been speaking with the Owners/Operators of the establishments to make an open dialog between them and the Board of Health.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner asked Colleen for an update on 4 Uxbridge Road, the Dunkin Donuts, regarding the toaster fire. Colleen said she made an onsite visit and inspected the areas concerning food and utilities and found the areas to be clean and sanitary. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if there are any more comments on this topic. No one had anything more to add. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Colleen and moves on to the 6th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Select Board Collaboration at BOH Meetings Update

Joyce stated that no decision was made at the Select Board Meeting last week, but the Select Board was having another meeting tonight, the same time as the BOH meeting, so maybe tonight the Select Board would decide on a BOS Member to join the BOH Meetings. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Joyce and moves on to the 7th Agenda Item.

7th Item on Agenda

Lake Nipmuc Task Force Committee Update

Jack updates the Board that he reached out to all members to the Task Committee, and has tentatively set the 1st meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 7 PM as the kickoff meeting for everyone to get to know one another and set-up the Committee's roles of its members. Vice-Chairman Fichtner asks if there are any more comments on this topic. No one had anything more to add. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Jack and moves on to the 8th Agenda Item.

8th Item on Agenda

Tobacco Permit Discussion

Colleen wanted to bring to the Board's attention, that since Mendon is in the process of updating its Tobacco Regulations, that now would be a good time to review the Tobacco Permit also, specifically increasing the Annual Permit Fee. The increase would cover the inspections done by Colleen and the Tobacco Compliance Agent. After discussion, Vice-Chairman Fichtner wants to have this as a topic for the next BOH Agenda as Chairman Greenberg should be included for further discussion and a full Board vote. Vice-Chairman Fichtner thanks Colleen and moves on to the 9th Agenda Item.

9th Item on Agenda

Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Joyce asked for an update for Lowell's compliance to the Food Code. Colleen said they are in compliance and she has a scheduled visit with the Establishment Owner next week for an onsite visit.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – September 13th at 7:30 pm.

Vice-Chairman Fichtner 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-No Vote, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Meeting is ended at 8:57 PM.