



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
December 17, 2014**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Tom Fichtner - Vice Chairman and Alan Greenberg - BOH member

Location – Planning Board Meeting room– 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

55 Cape Road – Margaret Beacon of Civil Site came before the Board to request a local up-grade for this property. At the time of the meeting, Missy did not have an approved plan from Tom Ryder, Board of Health Engineer. Per 310 CMR 15.212 – The soil absorption system has to be at least 4 feet above the estimated high groundwater table. Per 15.404(2) b a 3ft offset is allowed for repairs under a local up-grade approval from the Board of Health. Therefore, in an effort to minimize the impact due to sloping topography, the applicant is requesting a local up-grade for this requirement and allowing a 3ft. separation to groundwater. Tom F. made a motion to approve the request pending approval by Tom Ryder, the Board of Health Engineer. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

60 Uxbridge Road – Byron Andrews, of Andrews Survey, came before the Board to request variances and local up-grade. At the time of the meeting Missy did not have an approved plan from Tom Ryder. The Board reviewed the plans. Andy would like to see the poly barrier around the whole system. Tom made a motion to approve the request, pending approval by Tom Ryder, along with including that the poly barrier would be placed around the whole system. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Andy talked about not sending out renewal packets to installers. In his experience, the only towns that do so are Mendon and Northbridge. Most installers only pull a permit if they have a job in town. This would be only for installer permits. The idea is that there is a lot of wasted time and supplies if they are not going to apply until the installer needs to. The two other Board members agreed.

The Board reviewed permits. Most were signed pending the office receiving all required paperwork. Also, the Board Chairman signed the amendment to the Wheelabrator contract.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2014 and December 3, 2014. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed.

35 Milford Street – The Board requested Missy to reach out to the new owners for an update concerning the septic system. The Board is interested in getting a specific timeframe as to when the owners' engineer will be submitting the septic plans for review. Board Vice-Chairman, Tom F, brought up the topic of membership to the MAHB which stands for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. Thru discussion, it was learned that at one time the Mendon BOH

did have an active membership. The role of MAHB is to assist local boards of health in meeting their statutory & service responsibilities thru programs of education. The Board confirmed that this membership would be a worthwhile association to have at their disposal. The annual membership cost is \$100.00. The Board approved reactivation of this MAHB membership.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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