



Town of Mendon
Board of Health
Minutes for
December 21, 2020

Andy Fiske, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman, Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Sr. Administrative Assistant to BOH, Tom Ryder, BOH Engineer, Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering

Not Present – Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Location – Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 347-467-1434 United States, New York City (Toll)
Conference ID: 980 696 095#

33 Bates Street – Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering was present to review the septic plan for 33 Bates Street. Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System have at least a 4-foot offset to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. A 3-foot offset is allowed for repairs with a Local Upgrade approval. That is the request they are making. Tom Ryder has recommended this be approved. Andy steps down as chairman and makes a motion to approve the local upgrade as requested and approved by boh engineer Tom Ryder. Alan seconds the motion. Both members agreed motion carried. (Tom Ryder's memo below)

5 West Hill Road – The board discussed a request for a local upgrade for this property. Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System have at least a 4-foot offset to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. A 3-foot offset is allowed for Conventional System repairs with a Local Upgrade approval. Some Innovative Alternative technologies allow for a 2-foot reduction through the approval process in Title 5. Tom Ryder has recommended this be approved. Andy steps down as chairman and makes a motion to approve the local upgrade as requested and approved by boh engineer Tom Ryder. Alan seconds the motion. Both members agreed motion carried. (Tom Ryder's memo below)

The board discussed expanding the sharps container program. Andy had reached out to our contact at Harvey and according to the contract they only need to supply 15 containers per year. We have exceeded that number. Andy asked Missy to reach out to the company that Harvey uses and she did. The company sent a proposal for the board to review. Andy asked Missy to invite the representative from Sharps Compliance to attend their January meeting.

Currently health agent Lenny Izzo has been out on medical leave. The board needs to hire a temporary food inspector. Missy reached out to the Town of Northbridge and she got the contact information of their food inspector and Dannielle is willing to work for Mendon. She sent her resume and the board was very pleased with what they reviewed. Again, they asked Missy to invite Dannielle to the next meeting. Along with a representative from Simple Recycling to talk about the service.

Missy talked with the board about the addendum to the VNA contract that was received that day. (Please see below) Missy emailed back and forth with the VNA representative and also contacted town administrator Kim Newman. With such short notice and the holidays coming Missy is not sure if this will be resolved by December 31st. As they are asking for funding through the CARES-ACT. She will keep the board abreast of any developments.

Next meeting will be January 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy steps down as chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved November 9, 2021

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: December 14, 2020

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
5 West Hill Road-Local Upgrade Request**

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System have at least a 4-foot offset to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. A 3-foot offset is allowed for Conventional System repairs with a Local Upgrade approval. Some Innovative Alternative technologies allow for a 2-foot reduction through the approval process in Title 5.

The applicant is proposing the soil absorption system with a proposed offset of 2-feet to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table utilizing a Presby Innovative/Alternative technology.

As this is a repair and the site limitations create constraints to upgrade to Title 5 new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Request utilizing the Presby system as provided. The plan should be revised for the following information:

- Remove the note to keep the existing septic tank if structurally sound. The plan shows a propose 2-compartment 1,500 gal septic tank otherwise.

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: December 8, 2020

Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review

33 Bates Street-Local Upgrade Request

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System have at least a 4-foot offset to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. A 3-foot offset is allowed for repairs with a Local Upgrade approval.

The applicant is proposing the soil absorption system with a proposed offset of 3-feet to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table.

As this is a repair and the site limitations create constraints to upgrade to Title 5 new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Requests as provided.

December 14, 2020

Dear Medon Public Health Team

As you are aware, SALMON VNA has historically provided public health support to your local town through a mutually agreed upon contract. Our contract has been one of long-standing good will faith, on SALMON's part, that often yields a predictable and affordable cost related to town budget. SALMON has always ensured over the years that your municipality is unaffected by our own rising costs to produce the public health support. This year however, we need additional funding to cover the increasing demands.

This year has been a very difficult one in terms of ensuring SALMON can continue to meet the growing needs of the town during the current public health crisis and COVID-19 pandemic. The number of hours and added nursing support has far exceeded that of our monthly and annual contract pricing. Salmon has provided additional staffing brought on solely to be able to continue to provide services and prompt response and support for your town. Moreover, many other towns who are not currently under contracted board of health services have hired and are currently paying overtime that far exceed SALMON's request.

We request that the town please consider our request to allow SALMON to access to added funds through the CARES Act relief fund. The CARES Act and CMRPC fund allows for Qualified providers of health care, services, and support may receive Provider Relief Fund payments for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue due to COVID-19. SALMON is requesting that your town consider the proposed addendum to your contract which is enclosed, herewith.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and consideration to be part of your COVID -19 partner in relief and support effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michele McGovern', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michele McGovern, RN, MSN
Director

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ADDENDUM A

WHEREAS, the parties wish to modify the terms of the original stated contract as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree that the following constitutes additional terms and conditions of the stated contract.

FEES are requested for Increased and Additional Board of Health COVID -19 Pandemic Support and Contract Tracing specific.

Pricing Schedule includes a dedicated COVID support nurse for town at monthly fee of: \$3500.00. Salmon Home Care, LLC agrees to provide nursing support services and related activities provided by dedicated staff. This addendum will remain in effect during the COVID -19 pandemic and continued access to CARES Act funding via town provider relief.

DISCONTINUATION of this addendum is self-limiting to the COVID -19 pandemic and allows the for the town to discontinue or opt out of added support surcharge at the town's discretion that correlates with the downturn of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All other terms, conditions and contractual agreements of the annual contract remain and continue as originally agreed to by and between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

The CONTRACT FOR SALMON BOARD OF HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT ADDENDUM (the "Agreement Addendum") is made this 1st day of December 2020 and entered unto by and between Town of Mendon and Salmon VNA & Hospice ("Agency"). Services provided under this agreement shall commence on December 1 2020.

Salmon Home Care, LLC:

By: _____

Name: Michele McGovern, RN MSN

Title: Executive Director

By: _____

Name:

Title: Town Public Health Administrator