



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

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
OCTOBER 11, 2023

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – February 15, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
Alan Greenberg • Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Tom Fichtner • Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Joyce Gilmore • Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. Health Admin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		6:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		9:37 PM

At 6:31 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and begins with the 1st Item on tonight's agenda.

1st Item on Agenda **Mendon BOH Regulations with Daniel Markman**

Daniel wanted to discuss Food Regulations 105 CMR 590, which is set by the State, but typically each Town would adopt secondary regulations that go with them. One of the main goals of the Blackstone Valley Collaborative is to standardize the regulations across the town collaborative. Chairman Greenberg thanks Dan and asks the Board if they had any comments.

Tom Fichtner asked if Mendon currently has their own secondary regulations regarding the Food Code. Dan Markman responded no, and that Mendon was just using the State's Food Regulations. Joyce is on board with standardizing the Food Regulations along with Chairman Greenberg. Chairman Greenberg wants the Board to review the current Food Regulations and the proposed standardization of the collaboration regulations.

Dan also mentioned that he reached out to the Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources, about the Rooster Noise Nuisance, and was told that without specific local regulations about it, what the BOH can do is extremely limited. Dan said he could draft a proposed regulation that would be specific to Roosters, basing it upon what other surrounding communities have adopted, if the Board desired. Chairman Greenberg thinks it would be good to have something in front of the Board for review and keeping it towards residential roosters as opposed to the Farming Community.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Dan and asks if anyone had additional comments on this topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda **Follow-Up to Rooster Noise Nuisance at 19 Neck Hill Road**

Jack calls on Richard Green, the neighbor of 19 Neck Hill Road for a status update. Richard said the last time he heard the rooster was on Friday morning, and nothing since. Chairman Greenberg asked if there was any contact with the actual property owner since the last visit. Jack responded he had not heard from them. Chairman Greenberg asks the Board if anyone had additional comments. Tom Fichtner wanted to know what the date was the Property Owner had to abide by the recommendations made by the Board of Health. Jack responded that it was February 20th.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Richard for his input and asks if anyone had additional comments on this topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda **Continuation of Well Regulations review with Tom Ryder**

Tom Ryder continues the review of the current Well Regulations with the Board. Eli Richardson, from Richardson Wells & Pumps, is a Well Driller and is part of the review and discussion. With discussion, edits, and proposed updates with Tom Ryder and the Board, Chairman Greenberg suggests putting this topic back on the next BOH Agenda. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for their participation and moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda **EL Harvey Contract Update**

Jack informs the Board that EL Harvey is still working on the new contract for the Town of Mendon. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had comments on this topic. No one had any, so Chairman Greenberg just wanted to note that the BOH is trying to get the municipal dumpsters off the subscribers' costs and put it in with the taxes and asks Jack to reach out to EL Harvey about getting a breakout the trash vs. recycling tonnage over the past few years and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda **Mendon-Upton Community Clean-Up discussion**

Jack received an email from Anne Mazar and is looking for information on what the BOH does in regard to the Mendon-Upton Community Cleanup. The Board reviewed the email and discussed, and it was more of an informational email announcing the date and time, so the BOH doesn't have a particular responsibility in the event itself. Tom Fichtner suggests reaching out to Anne to see what, if anything, is needed for assistance. Joyce offered to call Anne and ask. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the last Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda **Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to meeting**

- Joyce wanted to update the Board that she has spoken to the Hopedale BOH about the Health Agent position and sharing the services, and that Hopedale does have a candidate, but not sure yet if they are willing to do Mendon as well. Joyce will keep us informed.
- Jack wanted the Board to know Clean Harbors date is set for September 9th, but EL Harvey is not available that day to do the shredding. Does the Board want to do separate dates for the 2 events or try to get both on the same date. The Board would like to keep it to 1 day for both events. Jack will try to reschedule Clean Harbors so that both Clean Harbors and EL Harvey are available on the same date.
- Jack updates the Board that there is a Covid Vaccination Clinic schedule for March 4th at the Miscoe Middle School Cafeteria between 10 am and 2 pm.
- Jack wanted to know if the Board would be okay if Upton joined the Mendon & Hopedale Energy Recycling Event scheduled for September 16th from 9 am to 1 pm. The Board is fine with having all 3 towns at the event.
- Jack wanted to update the Board that the Septic System at 9 Main Street was just waiting for the electrical inspection to be done, which is scheduled for the end of this week.
- Jack wanted to let the Board know he's working on the Title 5 Reports on the Transferred Properties from December of 2021 through January 2023 and out of the 231 properties, 29 did not have a Title 5 Report on file with the BOH, so Jack is working on obtaining those.
- Jack updated the Board with the property at 21 Milford Street having a trailer on the property and possibly tied into the septic system. This trailer is not permitted to be in use by the Town, so the Building Commissioner will be sending a Cease-and-Desist Letter.

Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before ending tonight's meeting. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg looks to set the next meeting.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – March 8th at 6:30 pm.

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

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.

Meeting is ended at 9:37 PM.