



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
February 22, 2017**

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

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

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

65 Providence Street – Jeff Campopiano is the Design Engineer for the property owner William Auty. Mr. Auty will be selling the property and needs to bring the septic system into compliance with Title V Regulations. In order to do so, they will need two local upgrade approvals. One will be for approving a distance reduction to the property's well (61ft. requested) from the standard Title V requirement of 100 feet. The other will be for the abutting property at 70 Providence Street. The abutter was properly notified and were present to ask any question. With that Alan made a motion to approve the local upgrades as requested. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

166 Providence Street – Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering again presented the project to the Board. The current owners will be selling the house and will need to redo the septic system. Fred explained that because of restrictions on the site, they will have to request two local upgrades to bring the system into compliance with Title V Regulations. There are three local upgrade requests. The first is distance between slab/cellar wall to leach system 12 feet requested 20 feet required. Second is distance between septic tank 6 feet requested 10 feet required. And the final local upgrade request distance between leach system to private water supply 70 feet requested 100 feet required. Board of Health Engineer Tom Ryder walked the properties of the abutter and the applicant. Abutter Ann McGreal stated she was not in favor of approving these upgrades, basing her view on information she received from real estate agents stating that these local upgrades would negatively affect her property value.

Alan noted that this was the first time, in his tenure, that anyone has presented an objection to a Local Upgrade based on the upgrade having a negative impact to an abutter's property value. Both Tom & Andy concurred with Alan's statement, each of whom have been on the BOH collectively for over 10 years. Andy pointed out that this new system would be a tremendous improvement over the current system in place & should, if anything, increase not only the value of the applicant's property but also the value of any abutting properties. Tom Ryder additionally noted that one of the prime functions of the Board of Health is to make sure septic systems are in compliance with Title V Regulations to aid in the overall public health.

Alan made a motion to approve the local upgrades as requested with the additional condition that the well located at 164 Providence Street (the abutter's property) must be tested by a State Certified Lab. The idea in doing this is to provide a baseline now should there be a concern of

water quality down the road. It will be Ann's choice (property owner of 164 Providence Street) as to the lab that is selected. This will be done prior to the septic work starting. Tom seconds the motion. All member agreed. Motion carried.

Animal Inspector Max Carbone was present to discuss a protocol for dog bites. The Board would like to put something on the website to help residents when it comes to dog bites. This is what they have come up with so far.

Every Animal has the potential to have rabies.

1. Report exposure to the Mendon Police Department.
2. Seek medical attention.
3. Hospital should send paperwork to Board of Health and Mendon Police Department.
4. Contact Board of Health office to verify paper work was received.
5. Animal Inspector will contact persons involved and issue quarantine orders if possible.

Once approved by the Board, it will be sent to Public Safety for their review.

Andy asked Missy to invite Mike Szczepan from Republic and Anne Mazar to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be March 8, 2017

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved April 12, 2017