



Town of Mendon Board of Health Minutes for February 26, 2020

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

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Sr. Administrative Assistant to BOH

Location – Board of Health Office– 18 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

The Board discussed the Emergency Preparedness Drill that was performed at Nipmuc Regional High School in Upton. This drill was done in conjunction with the Upton Board of Health.

Andy and Alan attended along with Mark Buccchino, who is Mendon's Emergency Management Director. Lois from Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Core attended with some volunteers.

Andy and Alan were glad that they attended and found it to be a good learning experience. Next year, Mendon will hold the drill at Miscoe Hill Middle School. Andy wants to look into making BOH identification badges like the one Mark Buccchino had made. Missy will look into purchasing the supplies.

Next, the Board discussed the proposal that had previously been brought before them by Jean Berthold from the Assessor's Office and Jenn Welch from the Treasurer/Collector's Office. To note, this proposal would involve changes in the billing structure such that all households would receive a bill from the Town for trash/recycling services. If the particular household receiving this bill can validate to the Town that they have other legal means of disposing of their trash & recycling, then the bill they had received would become void. This proposal is designed to streamline the billing process & validate that trash/recycling is being handled properly & legally by all households.

The Board's general view is that the overall concepts previously presented have very good merit. However, the Board still has concerns surrounding the processes to be implemented for those households that could possibly not provide payment, which could in essence put a "lien" on one's property, as it would be handled thru the taxation process. The Board has an interest in getting additional legal viewpoints. At this time, they will not move forward with implementing the proposal presented.

Next, the Board had discussions regarding the dumpster located at the Roger I. Wood American Legion Post 355 Legion on Milford Street. This company is not currently permitted. The Board will have Missy follow up to have them submit the necessary paperwork.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2020.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.