



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 | Thursday – January 5, 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		7:56 PM

At 6:30 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 Lake Nipmuc Association Update

Joyce starts off by saying she has been trying to reach MassDEP regarding Dye Testing of the systems surrounding Lake Nipmuc, with no response back yet. Joyce thinks March would be a good month to perform the tests. Chairman Greenberg asks Wayne Phipps, President of the Lake Nipmuc Association, if he had anything to add. Wayne asks the Board if they can force residents to do the dye testing on the properties, if a resident is non-responsive in providing their pumping records. Joyce said that's one of the main questions she has for MassDEP. Tom asked Wayne about the size of the Lake Nipmuc Association, Wayne responded that it's close to 50 members. Chairman Greenberg suggests that the Board map out locations around the Lake that would be good for the additional Lake testing sites and asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the 2nd Agenda Item. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda Rooster Noise Nuisance at 19 Neck Hill Road

Jack informs the Board that he had received a complaint via email about a rooster crowing constantly at 19 Neck Hill Road. Joyce said she visited the property to speak with the Owner, but no one was home, but did observe the rooster. Chairman Greenberg said to send a Letter to the property owner, letting them know the BOH received a complaint of the rooster noise, and to request them to mitigate the noise and asks anyone for additional comments. Richard Greene, a neighbor of the property, confirms that he hears the rooster as early as 2:15 am and other times at 4 am, and 6 am. Chairman Greenberg he would like the letter to the property owner to also include ways to properly maintain chickens/roosters on the property and have them respond to the Board in 7 days after receiving the letter. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda Manganese Exceedance at Imperial Plaza Update

Jack informed the Board that he received contact from the MassDEP stating the Imperial Plaza had high levels of Manganese in the water. Jack said he spoke to the property owner and is aware of the situation and is in the process of correction by adding a filter and conducting a re-test of the water. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda **Town of Mendon Annual Report - BOH Draft**

Jack reminds the Board that the Town Annual Report is due in a few weeks and Jack and Tom have worked together to provide the Board with a Draft Copy for additional review, edits, and questions. All Board Members have reviewed the Draft, and all agree that it's good to go and submit as a final. Without additional comments, the Board moves on to the next topic.

5th Item on Agenda **Senior Discount Process - FY vs Calendar Year**

Tom wanted to clarify that since the Trash Contract is done by fiscal year (July to June) and if anyone turned 65 in August, just after the contract started, that the discount wouldn't be applied until the next fiscal year's contract. Tom suggests that in the 2nd billing cycle, apply the discount then. Chairman Greenberg is concerned about the calculation of the subscriber fees, that are set, and then reducing the standard rate to senior rate mid-year. Jack just wanted to let the Board know, that he could run a report off the Returned Census list that would show Residents who are 65 and older for the entire year (January – December) and be able to appropriately set the standard rate vs. the senior rate for all from that report. Joyce thinks that's great, and asked if a census is not returned, then there would be no discount. Jack confirmed that would be the case. Chairman Greenberg believes the process is the way to go and asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 6th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda **Proposed Update to Dumpster Regulations**

Tom wanted to revise the Dumpster Regulations, specifically Section D, #1, that would prohibit materials from properties, other than the property that has the dumpster, be disposed.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to revise the Dumpster Regulations.

Joyce makes the motion to revise the Dumpster Regulations, Section D, #1, that prohibits dumping of materials into a dumpster that is located on another property. Tom seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 7th Agenda Item.

7th Item on Agenda **Health Agent Vacancy Update**

Jack updates the Board that there is a 3rd Party Food Inspection Service available called Mojin Solutions, that would charge a fee for each inspection of the food establishments in Mendon. Jack did send the Draft job description for the Health Agent position to H.R. and the Town Administrator for their review, but haven't heard back yet. Tom suggested to Jack to reach out to the references provided by Mojin Solutions and see how they go. Jack also informs the Board that Danielle Edmands is interested in the Animal Inspector for Mendon. Chairman Greenberg suggests that Danielle attend the next Board Meeting for further discussion and asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 8th Agenda Item.

8th Item on Agenda **Link on BOH Website for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resources**

Chairman Greenberg said he received an email from a representative from Addiction Recovery and wanted to see if the BOH would be interested in placing a link on the BOH website that would give people resources and help with addiction. After discussion, the Board agrees it would be good to put the link on the BOH website. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 7th Agenda Item.

9th Item on Agenda **Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to meeting**

Jack updates the Board that he is still working with EL Harvey in obtaining the FY24 Contract.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday - January 18th at 6:30 pm.

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

Tom 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 7:56 PM.