



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
July 15, 2015**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The Library Building Committee wanted to talk with the Board about the septic issues they have encountered at the site of the future Taft Public Library (the former St. Michael's Church) on North Avenue. The Committee gave the Board a copy of the letter they received from Chris Lanoue of ADC Septic out of Blackstone, MA. In the letter, Mr. Lanoue explained that he removed multiple 8 ft. root sections out of each lateral line leaving the distribution box. After removing the roots, he sent a camera down the lines. The pipes have roots growing up thru the holes in the 4" PVC pipe.

Mr. Lanoue recommends, with Board of Health approval, to repair the system by using the existing elevations and excavate the root infested pipes and remove the root infested septic material, along with installing new pipes and backfill and then hand rake and seed the area.

Board of Health Engineer Tom Ryder, who was also present at this meeting, would like to speak to Mr. Lanoue before making any decisions or approvals at this time.

The other issue at this property is the well. The Library Committee gave the Board a copy of an email from Susan Connors MASS DEP Central Regional Office in Worcester, MA. The email outlined information on permitting a PWS (Public Water System). With regards to the classification of the well, as long as there is no kitchen constructed, no water fountains and the library enacts a policy that restricts access to any coffee machines only to the library staff, then the MassDEP would determine that the facility would not be designated as a PWS site. Meeting attendees can bring their own refreshments as needed.

Town Beach Results: Dan Byer of the Parks Department stopped by to talk about the beach results for this year. The results have been unpredictable this year. We have had test results that far exceeds the limit, which is 235 MPN/100 ml. The level has been as high at 925 so far this season. The next day, the test comes back at 88 MPN/100 ml, which is below the limit. Dan would like to know if it could be possible that there are properties on Lake Nipmuc with septic issues. A plan was discussed for the coming Fall to have Missy and Dan work on seeing if there are any properties that have not been updated and/or to determine when properties' systems were last pumped.

15 Cape Road: Missy received a phone call from the property owner stating that the reason for the amount of pumping was due to the septic line freezing as reported to him by John Gibson who is their septic hauler. John also stopped by the BOH office to relay the same news. The

Board does not have an as-built plan with a certificate of compliance and the plan was originally approved in 1999. After reviewing the approved plans from 1999, the Board had more questions than answers. The Board concluded that a Title V Inspection is to be done with the Board of Health Agent and Board of Health Engineer present.

4 Uxbridge Road: The Friday before the meeting, Andy Fiske was at Dunkin Donuts. He noticed the area where the septic system is located and it appeared that grey water was leaching out. Upon taking a closer look, Andy found that it was indeed grey water. He called our Health Agent Lenny Izzo to come and take a look. They spoke to the manager on duty and were told the system is pumped about every nine days. The Board will ask Lenny to draft a letter concerning the direct discharge to the ground surface. They also want documented the frequency in which the septic system is being pumped.

1 – B Nelson Court: Missy received a call and email from a resident concerning the Board not sending out trash bills to in-law apartments. The resident was upset that the Board of Health did not communicate this change to those who receive the discount. This resident thinks it is unfair to those on a fixed income. After an in-depth discussion, reviewing the basis for making the change, the Board confirmed their position as a positive step both administratively and environmentally with regard to fostering recycling in the town. The Board did take note to improve communication to residents on changes such as this that can have such an impact. The Board concluded that the decision will stand as is and trash bills will not be sent for in-law apartments. It was also determined thru conversation of this subject that inaccurate information had been previously posted on Facebook and Missy provided corrections to those inaccuracies while communicating with this resident.

The Board then reviewed the yearly report from the VNA. The Board was looking for more cost value in relation to the services that were provided last year. This topic will be addressed further.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Approved July 29, 2015