



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

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
 FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – July 26, 2023

| BOARD OF HEALTH | ATTENDANCE | ATTENDED |
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| Alan Greenberg • Chairman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote |
| Tom Fichtner • Vice-Chairman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote |
| Joyce Gilmore • Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote |
| Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. Health Admin. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote |
| Colleen Strapponi – Health Agent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote |
| MEETING LOCATION | | START TIME |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams | | 7:30 PM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA | | 9:44 PM |

At 7:30 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and wants to start off tonight's meeting with the 9th Agenda Item on Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours.

1st Item on Agenda PT Health Agent Position Update

Chairman Greenberg welcomes Colleen Strapponi to the Mendon Board of Health as its Health Agent and mentions that meetings like these, that a Health Agent's input is very important. Tom Fichtner also welcomes Colleen to the Board. Colleen thanks the Board for the warm welcome and looks forward to working with everyone. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anything more on this topic. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg moves on the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda Resident on 10 Northbridge Street Septic System Update

Chairman Greenberg updates the Board that he spoke to the Resident over the phone, and that the Resident is working with Gibson Septic to have the system pumped once a month, and also working on getting the system cover repaired along with having an Engineer design a new system for the property. Tom Fichtner asked if the Resident is in receipt of the BOH Violation Letter and has read and understands it. Chairman Greenberg confirmed he has received it and read it, and fully understands the importance of getting the system into compliance. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anything more on this topic. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg moves on the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda Mendon Old Landfill Agreement Update

Jack updates the Board that the Agreement has been reviewed by Town Counsel and that its good to go and that it just needs Chairman Greenberg's Signature. Chairman Greenberg signs the agreement on behalf of the Board of Health. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda EL Harvey Contract Update

Jack updates the Board that the Contract is still under review with EL Harvey Counsel and still waiting on the revisions. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda Trash/Recycling Toter Delivery Update

Jack updates the Board that EL Harvey has completed the delivery of the 65-Gallon Toters for the new automation trash/recycling program. Jack informs the Board he has received about 25 calls from Residents that said they did not receive them, so Jack has provided those addresses to EL Harvey and they will deliver the Toters the following week to those on the list. After discussion about the new automation program and toters, Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anything more on this topic. Tom Fichtner wanted to remind everyone that the Highway Dept. is still taking unwanted barrels this Saturday since EL Harvey Toters will be provided, for those who want to get rid of their old barrels. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on the 6th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Tobacco Enforcement Update

Colleen updates the Board that she spoke to Joan from the Leominster Tobacco Enforcement, and that Joan may have a couple of people who would provide Mendon the Tobacco Enforcement Compliance Checks, but Joan would need a couple of weeks as she will be out of the office. Chairman Greenberg informs the Board that the Tobacco Enforcement Education part of the program has already been completed, now it's just a matter of getting the Compliance Checks done. Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen and moves on to the 7th Agenda Item.

7th Item on Agenda

Discussion on previous BOS Meeting

Tom Fichtner wanted to update the Board of Health that the Select Board had a couple of people from the Collins Center on a discussion about certain modifications on how certain departments currently are organized compared to what could be done in the future. One of the elements was that of the Trash/Recycling Program possibly moving to a DPW Structure. After discussion, Chairman Greenberg thanks Tom and moves on to the 8th Agenda Item.

8th Item on Agenda

BOH Budget Accounts Discussion

Jack updates the Board that he has reached out to Finance Committee to see if the BOH can get on their next Agenda to discuss the BOH Current Accounts including the Title 5 Revolving Account and he's just waiting for a response back. Chairman Greenberg also wants to bring up the possibility of another Revolving Account for the BOH, specifically for the Trash/Recycling Program for the Subscribers. After further discussion on the possibility of a Trash/Recycling Revolving Account, Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anything more on this topic, Jay Walling stated that he wanted to bring up an issue, but not on this topic. Chairman Greenberg thanks Tom and will discuss Jay's concern as part of the Not Anticipated topic.

9th Item on Agenda

Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Chairman Greenberg wanted to discuss the property issues at 10 Cape Road. Jack mentions that Daniel Markman, the Health Agent from the Blackstone Regional Partnership, is attending via Teams and is online. Jack updates the Board that on January 3, 2023 up until July 25, 2023, the Board of Health has been involved with the Tenant complaining about the living conditions and have provided on site inspections. Jack asks Daniel to give his details to the inspection that he and Colleen did yesterday. Daniel outlines some of the issues during the inspection. Colleen mentions that most serious issue is the raw septage overflowing from one of the bathrooms. Both Daniel and Colleen spoke to the property owner, Jay Keller, who is in attendance at tonight's meeting, about the issues with the property, and since meeting yesterday, the sewer pipes have been unclogged and flowing properly now. Chairman Greenberg thanks Mr. Keller for attending tonight's meeting and wanted to confirm that he is aware of the violations that the Health Agents have found and is currently working in resolving them. Mr. Keller said he is aware and is working on correcting the issues. During the discussion, Jack informs the Board that he spoke to the Tenant and invited them to tonight's meeting as this would be a topic of discussion. During this topic, the Tenant did not attend. Chairman Greenberg asks if there are any more comments to this topic. There were none. Chairman Greenberg thanks Mr. Keller and Daniel Markman for attending tonight's meeting before the Board and moves on to the 1st Topic on the Agenda.

After the 8th Agenda Item, Jay Walling wanted to discuss the possibility of well water contamination from rabbits being bred and the overflow of feces and flies on the property. Jays concern is that his shallow well is only 6 feet away from all the rabbits next door. Jack informs the Board and Jay that he spoke to the Animal Inspector, Danielle, and that she will contact the Owner of the Rabbits and make a scheduled on site visit.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – August 9th at 7:30 pm.

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

Tom makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Chairman Greenberg steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-No Vote.

Meeting is ended at 9:44 PM.