



**Town of Mendon  
Board of Health  
20 Main St. Mendon  
Minutes for  
June 11, 2014**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present –Thomas Fichtner BOH member, Alan Greenberg BOH member

Location – Planning Board meeting room – 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

The Board met with Michele McGovern of the Visiting Nurses Association. The request to meet with someone from the VNA came from Missy. Over the years, the communication with the VNA has been nonexistent. The Board of Health holds the contract but we don't know what they have done over the years. Missy has heard that surrounding towns will not be renewing their contracts because they are not satisfied with their service. Michele did bring with her a spreadsheet for the past two years of the different services that the VNA did provide. The Board and Missy were pleasantly surprised at the work that was done. Just a few examples were 192 home health aide visits, 187 occupational therapy visits and 533 physical therapy visits and 14 TB (plant and read) testing's.

The Board did notice that when it came to the budget, the contract price is \$4250.00 with \$2,037.04 not spent. This will just be profit for the VNA. The Board was wondering if there was any other work that could be done. Andy was wondering about a blood drive, Alan asked about working with the schools' nutrition programs & things of that nature. Possibly a second flu clinic could be scheduled that could be later in the day so people could attend one after school or work. Michele was very open to some of these ideas.

Michele was very apologetic for the lack of communication from the VNA. She was under the impression that reports and information was being sent out to the town. She does look forward to working with the Board to improve the relationship between the Board and the VNA. She will have someone from her office contact Missy within a day or two to set up a time to meet.

Next, Missy wanted to bring to the attention of the Board recent issues surrounding the current processes in place. In the past few weeks, there have been two incidents, one with a septic as-built and the other a food inspection issue. On Quissett Road, a builder who had a closing on a Friday brought his as-built and certificate of compliance directly to Tom Ryder instead of the office because the office closed at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The Board has been working over the past few months to get the paperwork into the office. When someone deviates from this process, it creates an issue whereby paperwork is not accounted for. Also, it interrupts the communication process by taking the BOH office out of the loop.

The other issue was a food inspection for the new trailer on Hastings Street. First, the paperwork needs to be submitted to the office and then Lenny will do his inspections. It is not the other way around. Also, calling a board member or someone who does not live in town to put pressure on Lenny for an inspection is not the correct process either.

The Board concluded that communications should always involve the office. The Board understands that certain situations arise and where possible, an alternate path is a good option, if it helps those parties involved. The BOH does not want to be a hindrance to good commerce. However, at minimum, the BOH office must be kept in the loop. The Board has asked Missy to simply have Lenny and Tom communicate any information back to her should they receive it directly. Paperwork, calls for inspections or any other inquiries need to come to the office first.

Next, the Board discussed the set up for the household hazardous waste day which will be this Saturday, June 14, 2014. Andy was not sure if he would be able to attend. Both Tom and Alan would be attending.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 28, 2014 as written. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Missy informed the Board that the office did receive a failing Title V inspection for 35 Milford Street. The problem is that the company that pumped the system is not licensed in Town. Missy will be sending a letter to the company.

Alan brought up that he would like to take another look at the mosquito control program. He will work on getting information in the fall as his season slows down.

Next meeting will be July 9, 2014.

Tom made a motion adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Approved July 9, 2014**