



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

## MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on  
 DECEMBER 06, 2023

### Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – June 28, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
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
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		9:02 PM

At 7:30 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Item on tonight's agenda.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Item on Agenda

##### Local Upgrade for 11 Southwick and Well Regulations Update Discussion with Tom Ryder

Tom Ryder states that the property at 11 Southwick is looking for a local upgrade to their septic system utilizing a Sieve Analysis, which is the alternative to a Perc Test. Tom Ryder said its pretty standard with Title 5. After reviewing the plans and application, Tom Ryder recommends the local upgrade be approved. The Board reviews the septic plans and application.

##### **Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to approve Local Upgrade for 11 Southwick Street.**

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to accept the Local Upgrade for 11 Uxbridge Road as presented. Chairman Greenberg steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

**Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Abstained.**

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the Well Regulations.

Tom Ryder sent the Board of Health the most recent updates to the Well Regulations from previous meetings that he has made. Tom Ryder and the Board reviewed the changes and discussed some additional modifications to the regulations. Tom Ryder will make the additional changes from tonight's discussion and will provide another draft version to the Board when completed. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto a vote. No one had anything to add. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the next topic.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Item on Agenda

##### EL Harvey FY24 Contract Update

Jack updates the Board that he spoke to Mike Szczepan from EL Harvey and said that Mendon is in line with 7 other municipalities for a new contract. Tom Fichtner mentioned that the Board does have the Services Addendum in place from EL Harvey, until a new contract has been received. Jack also wanted to update the Board that with the new automation services and Toter System, that residents could bring their unwanted barrels down to the Highway Dept. on July 22 and July 29 from 8 am to 12 pm at no charge. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the next topic.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Item on Agenda

##### Mendon Landfill Update Discussion

Jack updates the Board that Atlas has provided a contract for extended services that included a Third-Party Inspection, Permit Modification for Testing, and an Access Agreement. Town Counsel has reviewed the contract and recommended a few changes to it for the Boards review. The Boards reviews the recommendations made from Town Counsel and is fine with proceeding with Atlas on those changes in the contract. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the next topic.

**4<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**     **PT Health Agent Vacancy Update Discussion**

Chairman Greenberg said there is no current update as H.R. position is vacant and the transition of the Town Administrator, but its in motion, just slowed down until pieces are put back into place. Tom Fichtner said it was just bad timing with the open vacancies and the on boarding process but hopes it won't be that much longer. Chairman Greenberg moves on to the next topic.

**5<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**     **Lake Nipmuc Beach Water Testing Discussion**

Jack updates the Board with the Lake Nipmuc Beach Water Test analysis since the beginning of the month. The Board reviews the results submitted by Microbac. Tom Fichtner mentioned that with the amount of rain and runoff, that could be a factor in the high test results and one of the reasons why the Lake Task Force has been created to address elements such as this. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack for the information and moves on to the next topic.

**6<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**     **Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours**

Jack updates the Board that he received a complaint from the tenant living at 10 Northbridge Road. The tenant said there is a cesspool overflowing in the yard. Jack said he asked Danielle Edmands, the BVPPH Health Agent to go to the property and take a look. Danielle reported that the system is in failure. Jack also asked Steven Donatelli, Mendon's Title 5 Inspector, for his take on the situation, and Steve also confirmed that the system is in failure. Jack said he did speak with the owner of the property and explained the situation to him. Jack requested the pumping records for the property as there were none on file in the BOH Office. The owner said he would send in copies as the system has been serviced in the past. Jack also mentioned that a Title 5 Enforcement order was mailed out to the property owner to get the system in compliance.

Tom Fichter asked if a new Visiting Nurses Association Contract has been received. Jack said a new contract was received with no price changes for the next fiscal year and would just need Chairman Greenberg's signature. Chairman Greenberg reviews the VNA Contract and signs.

Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to put Danielle Edmands, the Animal Inspector, on the next BOH Agenda, just to check in with her to see how things are going in Mendon.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, to be present at the Board of Selectman's Meeting.

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

Tom Fichtner 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-Abstained.**

Meeting is ended at 9:02 PM.