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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – June 29, 2022 | 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Alan Greenberg – BOH Vice-Chairman
Tom Fichtner – BOH Member
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. | Health Admin.

MINUTES APPROVED
By Board of Health on
FEBRUARY 01, 2023

Not Present: Andy Fiske – BOH Chairman

Meeting Location: [REMOTE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS](#)

At 7:05 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension. Also, in on the meeting, Tom Ryder - BOH Engineer, and the Mendon Agriculture Commission.

Vice-Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack, and begins the meeting with the 1st Agenda Item.

1st Item on Agenda Well Regulation Updates – Tom Ryder

Tom Ryder asks the Board if there is other information they would like in the update to the Well Regulations. Tom mentioned that he has been clearing up the definitions and sampling requirements. Tom Fichtner asked if these updates would be relevant to the Route 16 project that is in the early stages of development. Tom Ryder believes that project would be on Public Water Supply and under the DEP regulations. Tom Fichtner asked if the current or proposed updates would cover a Duplex of some sort, and in sense sharing a well, in who would be responsible for testing and maintenance. Tom Ryder will look into clarifying this situation. Vice-Chairman Greenberg wanted to mention that the Board is trying to fill the gap on who is responsible in that situation, so doing that would be great. Tom Fichtner agrees with Vice-Chairman Greenberg in regard to semi-public wells. Ticia Low has her hand raised and is called on for comments. Ticia agrees that there should be some structure and what the Board is proposing is great. Tom Fichtner wanted to confirm that the well regulations would apply to all wells, regardless of when it was done. Tom Ryder confirmed that the regulations would apply to all wells no matter when they were installed. Vice-Chairman Greenberg wanted to mention that he is in agreement that the Owner of the Property, prior to the Sale of the Property, should be the responsible party to have the water tested. Tom Ryder said he has good notes from tonight and will work on the updates for the Boards review. Vice-Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for their input and moves on to next topic.

2nd Item on Agenda Rooster Permit Regulations

Jack mentioned that in talks with Missy, that there should be a Keeping of Animals Permit, instead of just a Rooster Permit. Ellen Gould said that the main reason for the Rooster only permit was for the noise nuisance. Vice-Chairman Greenberg asked if Danielle Edmands, the town's Animal Inspector, to she if she had anything to add. Jack responded that Danielle has not responded back at this time. Vice-Chairman Greenberg asked Ellen if they had anything on their website or social media platforms of such a structure to pen the roosters. Ellen said no, but they do hold educational farm days to the public who want to have live stock. A participant, Karen, has her hand raised and is recognized. Karen asked how much the permit would cost, and where would the permit fees go. Ellen responded that the Fee would be up to the Board of Health as that would require the

Barn Inspector's duties and the funds would go towards the Barn Inspector's payroll. Zac Pelc has his hand raised and is called on. Zac wanted to ask if adding in that if you're already permitted to have a rooster, and 150 feet away from an abutter has been established, if a new property infringes on the 150 feet, that it won't affect the current rooster housing. A participant, Jay, has his hand raised and is recognized. Jay asked if this topic was in response to the Town Meeting. Ellen Gould responded that it was. Jay believes that having a rooster regulation was not needed as there are too many regulations as is in Mendon. Ellen wanted to reiterate that the proposed rooster permit was not meant to prevent people from having roosters, but as a way for the owner to properly house the rooster, so not to be a noise nuisance to the surrounding neighbors. Tom Fichtner suggests that instead of having a rooster permit process, treat it as a noise nuisance from the Board of Health perspective. Vice-Chairman Greenberg would like to consult Danielle Edmands more about the situation. Jay, has his hand raised and is recognized. Jay wanted to say that the noise nuisance from the Board of Health perspective rather than another permit, is a more palatable approach to the issue. Vice-Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for their contributions and moves on to the next topic.

3rd Item on Agenda

Dumpster Regulations

Jack let's the Board know that Ticia Low is still on the meeting who is specifically here for this topic. Ticia is recognized. Ticia mentions that the resident at Inman Hill Road has had a 30-yard construction and demolition dumpster on their property for quite some time. Ticia mentions that household trash is comingling with the refuse of demolition and sits there for months until it gets swapped out, which isn't until its full, which is causing rat issues around her property. Vice-Chairman Greenberg states that he is disappointed that this is still an issue, as he was reassured by the dumpster owner that he was getting rid of the dumpster and going down to a 2-yard dumpster, and that was quite a few of months ago along with putting dumpsters at his job sites. Vice-Chairman Greenberg asks Tom Fichtner for his thoughts. Tom suggested to write a Cease-and-Desist letter to the property owner outlining the complaint and let them know the Board is looking into the complaints and offer the property owner to appear before the Board for rectifying the situation. Vice-Chairman Greenberg agrees and will have Jack follow-up with the Trash Vendor about the dumpster at the property and work with Tom on the letter.

Vice-Chairman Greenberg suggests to hold on the remaining topics until the next board meeting.

4th Item on Agenda

Mosquito Control Spraying (Mass. DPH)

TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

5th Item on Agenda

Mendon's Pink Bag/Simple Recycling Update

TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

6th Item on Agenda

Update on Town Hazardous Waste Day

TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

7th Item on Agenda

Update on VNA Meeting

TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

8th Item on Agenda

Town Dept. Shredding Day

TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

The Board has set its next meeting date for Wednesday, July 13th at 7 PM.

Tom Fichtner calls for a Motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting:

Vice-Chairman Greenberg steps down and makes the motion to adjourn the BOH Meeting. Tom seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:07 PM.