



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

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
OCTOBER 11, 2023

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – March 22, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
Alan Greenberg • Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Tom Fichtner • Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Joyce Gilmore • Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. Health Admin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		6:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		9:13 PM

At 6:30 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and begins with the 1st Item on tonight's agenda.

1st Item on Agenda

Local Upgrade Approvals with Tom Ryder for 35 Taft Ave. and 18 Lovell Street

Tom Ryder begins with 35 Taft Avenue. The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for a proposed encroachment of a garage foundation less than 10-feet to the existing soil absorption system. After reviewing the plans and discussion, Tom Ryder approves the Local Upgrade. Chairman Greenberg announces that he has a working relationship with the Guerriere & Halnon and will abstain from tonight's vote.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to approve Local Upgrade for 35 Taft Avenue.

Joyce makes the motion to approve the Local Upgrade for 35 Taft Avenue. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Abstained, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the Local Upgrade at 18 Lovell Street.

Tom Ryder states that the applicant is proposing the soil absorption system utilize a Presby system with 2-foot offset to groundwater allowed Local Upgrade use with Presby. As this is a repair and the site limitations create constraints to upgrade to Title 5 new construction standards, is allowable. After reviewing the plans and discussion, Tom Ryder approves the Local Upgrade.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to approve Local Upgrade for 18 Lovell Street.

Joyce makes the motion to approve the Local Upgrade for 18 Lovell Street. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda

Well Regulations Update Continuation with Tom Ryder

Tom Ryder said he doesn't have any additional updates for tonight and is currently working on clarifications regarding testing when home sales are pending. Joyce said that it would be great if Mendon incorporated into the well regulations that a home seller should have their well water quality tested before selling it. Tom Ryder agrees with Joyce and home sellers should also know where the well is located. Chairman Greenberg thanks Tom Ryder for joining and asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda

Residential Rooster Regulations Draft Continuation

Chairman Greenberg continues with reviewing the updated Draft of the Rooster Regulations. The Board and Ellen Gould, from the Agricultural Commission, reviewed the current draft revision and had more revisions throughout discussion. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments on this topic. Anne Mazzarelli made comment that for the hours a rooster should be in its coop, she would like to see it starting at 7 pm instead of 10 pm. Jack mentions that in keeping with the Agricultural Commission's "Good Neighbor" hours, a rooster should be in its coop by 9 pm. After further discussion and more revisions, Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to make tonight's revisions and have a 3rd Draft for the next BOH Meeting. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the next Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda

Draft of Septic System Info Letter to Lake Nipmuc Abutters

Jack presents to the Board a Draft Letter to send out to all abutting Lake Nipmuc Residents requesting information on their pumping records. The Board reviews and discussed with some edits and Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and asks him to make tonight's revisions and the Board is good to go with mailing them out. Chairman Greenberg moves onto the next Agenda Topic.

5th Item on Agenda

Sharps Collection and Disposal

Jack updates the Board that a few residents came in requesting the Sharps Containers that EL Harvey provides as part of the Contract but was asked why the BOH didn't have a Sharps Kiosk of their own like other Towns do. The Board discusses and Chairman Greenberg recalls that a few years back there was a discussion about getting a pallet of Sharps Disposal Containers for the Residents, but Covid hit, and it just fell off the radar. Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to some research on that and come back to the Board with what he finds. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto the next topic. No one had anymore to add, so Chairman Greenberg moves on to the next Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to Meeting

- Jack updates the Board that a Candidate for the Health Agent position would be coming into the BOH Office to discuss the responsibilities on March 28th.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – April 5th at 7:00 pm.

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

Joyce makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

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

Meeting is ended at 9:13 PM.