



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
March 4, 2015**

Tom Fichtner - Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg - BOH member

Not Present: Chairman Andy Fiske

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

First item on the agenda was for the Board to attend the Finance Committee's department budget meeting to review their budget for fiscal year 2016. FinCom reviewed each of the areas of the BOH budget as applicable. It was noted that the trash disposal portion of the BOH budget dropped significantly by \$22,000.00. This was due to recent contract negotiations resulting in a favorable outcome for participating towns.

The regularly scheduled meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

The Board discussed the idea of requesting a revolving account for trash. The Board's sentiment is that the money collected thru the trash fees, along with rebated monies from the recycled paper split with Republic Services, could be used to reduce the cost of the trash bills. Missy will reach out to Darlene, Highway Dept. Administrative Clerk, to discuss what Darlene's responsibilities are in overseeing a revolving account to give us an idea what the administrative overhead might be. Alan will reach out to Alan Tetreault (Highway Surveyor) and Tom will reach out to Rich Schofield (BOS member) to also gain insight on acquiring & maintaining a revolving account.

29 Hartford Avenue West – This property still has a BOH condemnation order in effect. The Board would like to do a follow up inspection to include the BOH, Lenny Izzo (Health Agent), Max Carbone (Animal Inspector), Building Inspector Tim Accardi and a member of the Police Department, given the past history associated with this property. The Board would like Missy to contact those parties to see if they would be interested in joining the Board for this inspection. The inspection would take place in the spring after the snow has melted away. The Board would like to be able to put this property behind them and get it to where they can lift the condemnation order.

Missy discussed with the Board administrative challenges she has encountered with the billing of in-law apartments and multi-family trash bills. Missy explained that most of the time, with an in-law apartment, there would be two bills. Most of the time, only one bill is paid for and the other is not. Administratively, it is very confusing to identify which address is the in-law portion and which is the regular home dwelling. Missy asked if the Board would consider doing away with the two bills and have only one bill for the home. The Board discussed the pros & cons of making this adjustment. Upon conclusion, the Board agreed to condense these situations to one bill.

Missy also brought to the Board's attention the three establishments that did not submit copies of anti-choking certificates: Clough School, Miscoe Hill School & the New England Steak and Seafood Restaurant. Missy did send letters to the three establishments giving them until Wednesday February 25, 2015 to submit the paperwork. The Board recommended that Missy send new letters to the two schools, marking the letters to the attention of the person in charge, in case they were misplaced or misdirected the first time. As for the New England Steak and Seafood Restaurant, the Board asked Missy to see if Lenny (BOH Health Agent) could stop in to address the issue with the owners.

The Board received notification from DEP about the well at 4 Uxbridge Rd (aka – Dunkin Donuts). It seems that there are water issues related to higher manganese levels similar to what was experienced at Miscoe Hill School. The MassDEP letter states that the owner(s) need to take certain actions, one of which is to notify the local board of health within 30 days of the date of the letter, which will be March 25, 2015. Tom said he would reach out to Robert Bostwick of MassDEP about this issue.

It was noted that the Board will have the Tobacco Regulations Hearing on Monday March 23rd at 7:00pm. This hearing will take place in the Upper Town Hall.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.

Approved July 29, 2015