



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 8, 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		9:05 PM

At 6:32 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 **Food Inspector Position with Colleen Strapponi**

Colleen Strapponi thanks the Board for meeting with her. Colleen gives her experience and qualifications by working for the Board of Health for the Town of Blackstone for 28 years. Chairman Greenberg outlined some of the key aspects that the Town of Mendon is looking for in a candidate. The Board and Colleen went through some questions and answers. Chairman Greenberg asks Colleen to forward a copy of her resume and references to Jack. Colleen thanks the Board and says if they have any additional questions, she'd be more than happy to attend another BOH Meeting. Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen and moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda **Rooster Regulations DRAFT Review**

Jack updates the Board, that Daniel Markman, the Blackstone Valley Collaborative Health Agent, has drafted Residential Rooster Regulations for the Board's review for comments. The Board of Health, Lawney Tinio, Board of Selectman, and Ellen Gould and Kathrine Clarke, representatives from the Agricultural Committee, reviewed the draft and had discussion and suggested edits. Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to send Daniel the revisions made tonight and have a 2nd Draft for everyone's review for the next Board 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 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda **Updating of Food Code Regulations Review**

Jack updates the Board that Daniel Markman, the Blackstone Valley Collaborative Health Agent, has provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Food Code Regulations adopted by the Town of Northbridge. Joyce has reviewed what Northbridge has adopted and believes it will also be suitable for Mendon. Chairman Greenberg and Tom Fichtner agree with Joyce. Chairman Greenberg would like to have the proposed Mendon Food Regulations updated to reflect Mendon's fee structure and processes and presented to the Board for a Final Review. 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 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda **Well Regulations Update Continuation with Tom Ryder**

Jack informs the Board that Tom Ryder had a scheduling conflict and would not be able to join tonight's meeting. Chairman Greenberg moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda

Town Trash/Recycling Services Update

Tom Fichtner wanted to update the Board of the latest proposal from EL Harvey for the FY24 Contract. In speaking with EL Harvey, Tom said this proposal would include new carts for each resident at \$450,000. But now Mendon will be charged per tonnage on the recycling, where in prior contracts, recycling was charged at a flat rate. Now, Mendon would be charged \$110 per Ton for Recycling which would be estimated at an additional \$50,050. Chairman Greenberg said it wouldn't be good for the Town Residents if this service wasn't offer. Even though the costs have increased, it would still be cheaper per household to have this in place instead of going out on their own with another licensed hauler. Joyce agrees with Chairman Greenberg that if residents had 5 or 6 different trash haulers traveling around town to collect trash would not be good for Mendon as opposed to 1 trash hauler collecting. Tom Fichtner mentions that at one point, that the Trash Program was taxpayer-based, and later determined that was not desired, and why it went to subscriber-based. Chairman Greenberg asks the Board if they are good with presenting the amounts to the FinComm meeting next week and both agree. 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 6th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Board of Health Minutes Approval for 07/13/2022, 07/27/2022, 08/10/2022, and 08/24/2022

In review, Chairman Greenberg requests that in the minutes on 08/24/2022, to update Vice-Chairman Greenberg to Chairman Greenberg, just to be consistent with the rest of the minutes. Jack makes that correction. Since Joyce was not on the BOH in July, there will be (2) two motions for the meetings.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept July's BOH Minutes.

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to accept the BOH Minutes for 07/13/2022 and 07/27/2022 as written. Chairman Greenberg steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Abstained.**

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept August's BOH Minutes.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the BOH Minutes for 08/10/2022 and 08/24/2022 as written. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

7th Item on Agenda

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to meeting

- Jack updates the Board that he received an email from Anne Mazar, in regard to placing an Ad for the Mendon-Upton Town Clean-Up Event. Anne asked if the BOH is willing to pay for half of the ad cost which would be \$93. Chairman Greenberg said the BOH has done that in prior years.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to pay for half of the Advertisement.

Joyce makes the motion for the BOH to pay for half of the advertisement for the Mendon-Upton Town Clean-Up Event. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday - March 22nd at 6:30 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 9:05 PM.