



**Town of Mendon  
Board of Health  
20 Main St. Mendon  
Minutes for  
March 9, 2016**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg - Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Location – Board of Health Office– 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

**11 Taft Avenue** – Fred Lapham, of Shea Engineering, came in to discuss this property with the Board. At this time, Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer) has not approved the septic plan. Tom has issues with the amount of wells that are in various locations around the property. Fred is going to revise the plans and will talk to Tom R. when Tom comes back from vacation. Right now, Fred is planning to install an IA system, which he briefly explained to the Board. At this time, the Board tabled the issue until Fred and Tom can discuss the options. In addition, abutters did attend and voiced their concerns about the proposed plans with respect to the potential effect on their wells.

**23 Thornton Street** – Fred Lapham, of Shea Engineering, discussed a local up-grade request with the Board. According to the plan, the request is as follows: a reduction in the required 4ft. separation distance between the bottom of the soil absorption system and the high ground water elevation; 3ft is requested. Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer) has approved the plan and the request. Tom F. made a motion to approve the request and Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Missy informed the Board that payment has not been received and she will not release the plans until she does receive payment. Fred Lapham stated that he would return tomorrow with the appropriate payment.

**36 Taft Avenue** – Brian Grady, owner of 36 Taft Avenue, came before the Board to request a variance from the Private Well Regulations. He will be adding on to his existing living room. The addition will be 13 feet from their well; the Private Well Regulations require a distance of 25 feet from a dwelling. Alan made a motion to approve the variance request. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed.

**75 Hartford Avenue East** – Mike Yerka, from Civil Site Engineering, came to discuss a local up-grade request. After discussions, Tom made a motion to approve the following: Title V requires that the Soil Absorption System is at least 5-feet above the seasonal high groundwater table for soils for percolation rates less than 2-minutes per inch; a 4-foot offset is allowed for repairs under a Local Upgrade Approval from the Board of Health. The applicant is requesting the proposed soil absorption system have a 4-foot offset for their repair. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Next, Fred Lapham addressed another issue with the Board which centered around a request

for time extensions for 4 house lots on Northbridge Street. At this time, Andy stated that because he does work for the builder on these lots, he will recuse himself from any conversations and left the room. Fred continued the discussion with Alan and Tom. Fred stated that in 2012, when the economy was still in deep trouble, the State put into law the Permit Extension Act. Any permit that was approved from August 15, 2008 until August 15, 2012 will be extended by 4 years. These plans actually expired March of 2015. Fred explained that time just got away from the builder. Tom and Alan asked if there had been any changes to the lots that would affect the plans and Fred stated no. Alan made a motion to grant a one year extension for all 4 lots with a \$100.00 per lot fee, a letter from the builder requesting the extension and that any changes with Title V will be reflected in the As-Built. Tom seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Andy then returned to the meeting.

Missy gave the Board three date options for the Hazardous Waste Day. The Board chose to go with June 18<sup>th</sup> since it was consistent with dates utilized in previous years. Missy will notify Clean Harbors, who perform the waste disposal, of the date and ask for them to send the contract.

**35 Milford Street** – No update

**4 Uxbridge Road** – At the last meeting, the Board discussed the real possibility of implementing a Closure Order for this property, as they have not complied with previous directives to address their failing septic system. Tom had since talked with the BOH Health Agent, Lenny Izzo, who informed Tom that a Closure Order would be a last resort. Lenny advised addressing a letter that would outline a fine schedule should corrective action not be implemented within a designated time period. The fines could range anywhere from \$10.00 to \$500.00 per day for non-compliance. The Board decided to send another letter, referencing the letter that was sent in August of 2015, adding that failure to comply with this order will result in a \$300.00 fine for each day the system remains in failure.

Next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Approved April 6, 2016**