



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

## MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on  
 DECEMBER 06, 2023

### Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – May 10, 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
Alan Greenberg • Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote
Tom Fichtner • Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote
Joyce Gilmore • Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord.   Health Admin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		7:30 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		8:54 PM

At 7:31 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Item on tonight's agenda.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Item on Agenda

##### Local Upgrade Discussion with Tom Ryder - 116 Uxbridge Road

Chairman Greenberg recognizes Tom Ryder, Engineer for the Town of Mendon, who stated that Title 5 requires that soil testing and percolation testing be conducted in the proposed Soil Absorption System area. A soil sieve analysis is allowed for repairs as a Local Upgrade Approval as long as at least one deep hole has been conducted in the area. The sieve analysis confirms Loamy Sand conditions in the Soil Absorption area, the Engineer has designed the system according to the MassDEP's policy. Therefore, Tom Ryder is recommending this local upgrade. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto a vote. No one had anything to add.

**Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to approve Local Upgrade for 116 Uxbridge Road.**  
 Joyce makes the motion to accept the Local Upgrade for 116 Uxbridge Road as presented.  
 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda Item.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Item on Agenda

##### Rooster Regulations Continuance – Draft 4

Jack updates the Board that he had made the recommended revisions from the last BOH Meeting. After further review of the latest revisions, Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving onto a vote. No one had anything to add.

**Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to approve the Rooster Regulations.**  
 Joyce makes the motion to accept the Rooster Regulations as written. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Agenda Item.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Item on Agenda

##### PFAS concern at NEFC Turfs Field on Cape Road

Jack brings to the Board's attention that he received a resident concern of PFAS leaching into the ground water at the NEFC Field on Cape Road. Chairman Greenberg recognizes Brian Mazar, President of the NEFC Field, and asks him about the concern. Brian Mazar said he has one study that was done that shows that Turf Fields are below the level that the EPA has set for toxicity. Brian Mazar said he appreciates the concern being brought up as he has children playing in the field, so it is in his point of interest of remediating any issues. Joyce asked if any testing was conducted that would show that PFAS was present in that area. Brian Mazar was not aware of any testing being conducted to show PFAS was present. Chairman Greenberg mentions that the MassDEP is currently working on PFAS Guidelines, but as of right now, the Board can only

monitor the situation until the state's guidelines are released. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had additional comments before moving on. No one had anything to add. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda Item.

**4<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**

**Mendon Landfill Update Discussion**

Tom Fichtner updates the Board that he is still working with MassDEP regarding records for the closing of the land fill, in hopes there is something in the archive that would show the land layout of the landfill showing the Town's dumping area. Joyce says that Shea Engineering did the Landfill Capping Plans, so she would check with them to see if they had anything on their end. Tom Fichtner is also in conversation with Atlas, the Vendor who conducts the testing at the landfill, to see if there could be a reduction in the Soils Gas Testing, along with getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspector to conduct the onsite inspections. Chairman Greenberg thinks there should be something, somewhere, that would be able to show the layout of the landfill, and possible something to show who should be responsible for paying for the testing the property. Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to check in the BOH Office to see if he can anything and keep it on the Agenda. Chairman Greenberg thanks Tom Fichtner for the update and moves on to the 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda Item.

**5<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**

**PT Health Agent Update Discussion**

Jack updates the Board that the Drafted Job Description for the position has been sent to HR, Town Administrator and the Select Board for their review and approval. Once approved, the position will be posted.

**6<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**

**Board of Health Fee Schedule Review**

Jack updates the Board that in reviewing other BOH Websites, Jack noticed that they post a Fee Schedule for all Permits/Applications. Jack asks the Board if they would like to do the same in Mendon. The Board reviews the current fee structure in would like to increase the Trash Sticker from \$2 each to \$3 each starting the new fiscal year.

**Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to raise the Trash Sticker price from \$2 to \$3 each.**

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to increase the Trash Sticker price from \$2 per sticker to \$3 per sticker starting on July 1, 2023. Joyce 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 7<sup>th</sup> Agenda Item.

**7<sup>th</sup> Item on Agenda**

**Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours**

Jack updates the Board that he has been on conversation with Mike Merolli, the Chairman of the Select Board, and that he is very interested in getting the Lower Town Hall Air Quality Tested for Radon as soon as possible. Jack said that he had reached out to 3 certified vendors to conduct the testing to get pricing proposals and has supplied the Board those proposals for their review and decision on a vendor. The Board reviews the proposals presented and discuss and feels Vendor #1 is the best option moving forward.

**Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to engage Vendor #1 to conduct the Radon Test.**

Joyce makes the motion to engage Vendor #1 to conduct the Radon Test in the Lower Town Hall. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote:**

**Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Tom Fichtner wanted to make aware of a Department of Public Health Advisory notice sent all Boards of Health that advises consumers to discard mung bean sprouts from Chang Farm as the company recalls products due to ongoing Listeria contamination and that the notice is available on the Board of Health website for further details.

Chairman Greenberg brings up the topic of Identification Cards for the Board of Health when they are out in the field and asks Jack to reach out to the Police Department to confirm they still provide them to the Town.

Tom Fichtner asked Lawney Tinio, Select Board Member who joined on Teams, about the Lake Nipmuc Task Force progress. Lawney updates the Board that the Lake Nipmuc Task Force has been created and just looking for designees from each Board and Committee.

Lawney also wanted to mention that this would be his last meeting as a Select Board Member and wanted to thank the Board for all their hard work and it was a great pleasure to be working with the Board on the issues at hand.

The Board also thanks Lawney for his dedicated service to the Town and to the Board of Health with his insight and suggestions and the collaboration was a huge positive.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

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

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

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

Meeting is ended at 8:54 PM.

