



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

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Board of Health • Meeting Minutes | Wednesday – October 11, 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	
Colleen Strapponi – Health Agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Remote	
MEETING LOCATION		START TIME	END TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		7:00 PM	9:04 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA			

At 7:00 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Chairman Greenberg and begins with the 1st Item on tonight's agenda.

1st Item on Agenda Septic Local Upgrade Review & Approval

Jack presents to the Board the approval letter for the upgrade to 26 Maple Street written by Tom Ryder, the Septic Engineer for Mendon. The Board reviews the local upgrade and approval letter.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the septic local upgrade to 26 Maple Street.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the septic local upgrade to 26 Maple Street. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Jack presents to the Board the approval letter for the upgrade to 48 Uxbridge Road written by Tom Ryder, the Septic Engineer for Mendon. The Board reviews the local upgrade and approval letter.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the septic local upgrade to 48 Uxbridge Road.

Joyce makes the motion to accept the septic local upgrade to 26 Maple 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 Marchand Environmental Permit Status

Jack updates the Board that Marchand Environmental is still working on getting the proper paperwork to submit the Septic Haulers Permit Application in Mendon. The Board discussed the previous issued 30-Day Restrictive Septic Hauling Permit that was given last month for pumping the Portable Toilets at the NEFC Field. After further discussion, the Board would like a Cease-and-Desist Letter sent to Marchand Environmental's Attorney, Ernie Horn, notifying him that his client, Marchand Environmental, to immediately cease and desist all septic related services. Jack said he would send the letter via email tomorrow. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda Letter to EL Harvey from the BOH

Jack updates the Board that a letter was drafted by Tom Fichter regarding the lack of communication from EL Harvey to the Town of Mendon and the lack of a new contract that the Town is still waiting on. The Board expressed gratitude to the services EL Harvey has provided so far but wanted to stress the importance of the 2 items that could be improved upon. Jack updates the Board that the letter was mailed out on October 3, 2023, and Jack has received a

copy of the new contract on October 10, 2023. The Board is pleased with the update of receiving the new contract and they, along with Town Counsel, will need to review it before moving forward. Chairman Greenberg thanks Tom Fichtner and Jack and moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda

FinComm Meeting Update

Chairman Greenberg recaps the meeting last night with the Finance Committee concerning the Trash/Recycling Program Revolving Account. Chairman Greenberg stated the meeting went very well and it was well received by the Finance Committee. The next step is to try and schedule meetings with the Town Department Heads to see if what they have now is too much or too little for services, so the Board of Health can adjust accordingly. Tom Fichtner suggested that the Board of Health first meets with the Select Board and the Finance Director, to inform them of the process and outcome the Board of Health is trying to accomplish. After further discussion, Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to see if the BOH can get on the Select Board's Agenda after the Special Town Meeting. Jack said he would reach out and try to schedule. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda

BOH Minutes Review and Approval

Jack presented the Board with the Meeting Minutes for 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/01/2023 – 02/15/2023, 02/21/2023, 03/08/2023 and 03/22/2023 for their review and approval.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to accept the minutes presented.

Tom Fichter makes the motion to accept the minutes for 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/01/2023, 02/15/2023, 02/21/2023, 03/08/2023 and 03/22/2023. 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 last Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda

Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Colleen wanted to update the Board of the progress of the septic system at 10 Northbridge Street. Colleen has been in contact with the Property Owner and the septic pumper, and that the system being pumped everything month is not necessary, so now it will be every other month. Colleen said the Property Owner still understands the septic system still needs to be replaced.

Colleen updates the Board of 10 North Avenue that the septic system is still in distress and that it will remain on a once a month pumping schedule.

Colleen updates the Board that Jodie Bregenti, from the Leominster Tobacco Enforcement, will be in Town this Tuesday and that Colleen and Jodie will both be visiting the Mendon Tobacco Establishments to start the Educational part of the Tobacco Enforcement in Mendon.

Colleen updates that Board that she spoke to the Chief of Police, David Kurczy, and that she will go over to the Police Station and introduce herself and see if the Police Department is willing to host a Narcan Kiosk box, so that its available to the public. Also, Colleen will provide the Clutter Image Rating sheets to the Police Department to establish a hoarding situation if police are on scene.

Tom Fichtner wanted to bring to the Boards attention of a couple of Public Awareness Alerts. Tom reads a Public Information Announcement from the Department of Public Health concerning the rise of Hepatitis C and about the available options to get tested. Tom reads the second Public Service Announcement from the Department of Public Health concerning Viral Respiratory Illness Dashboards made available to the public.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – October 25th at 7:00 pm.

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

Tom 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 9:04 PM.