



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
October 23, 2019**

Andy Fiske, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Location – Board of Health Office– 18 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

12 Taft Avenue – The office received a request from the property owner at 12 Taft Avenue who is refinancing her home. She requested a letter from the Board regarding her septic and well that would confirm that both were in compliance. Missy told her that the Board ordinarily does not provide such letters, as there are other mechanisms in place that validate compliance. Missy even checked with Health Agent Lenny Izzo and BOH Engineer Tom Ryder and they agreed with her. The Certificate of Compliance is the approval. The Board discussed & stated that the only letter they might agree to is one that would confirm that Town water and sewer is not available and that the Board has approved a local up-grade with an approved Certificate of Compliance when the system was installed, as opposed to having the Board of Health personally certifying such things.

Tobacco Compliance Checks – Elliot Brown conducted Tobacco Compliance check with retailers on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Only one store sold tobacco illegally and that was DB Mart. Elliot is mailing the paperwork to the office. According to the Board's Tobacco Regulations, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed against DB Mart.

Mosquito Control Project – The Board attended two Selectmen's meetings to discuss the topic of mosquito control. For one meeting, they brought Timothy Deschamps of the Central Mass Mosquito Project. This organization provides services to the Town regarding mosquito control. Yes, they will spray residents' properties at their request but they also do treatments in wetland areas, set traps, test mosquitos and provide other services. There is a cost that comes off the state's Cherry Sheets. Mendon's cost is \$53,000.00 for FY 2020 so that money would have to be "made up" somehow. The Board of Health felt that it should be left to the voters. Unfortunately, the article was taken off the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 20, 2019. The selectmen might put an article on for the Annual Town meeting in May.

Missy asked the Board if it was okay to change the wording on letters for permit renewals and any application regarding insurance. She wanted to make sure the Board was okay telling applicants that their Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance Forms have to come directly from the insurance company. The Board was fine with that change.

The Board discussed inviting Cheryl Rawinski to a meeting so they can meet her. In the past, she has done food inspections for the Board when Lenny is not available. The Board asked Missy if she could ask Lenny or if she can contact Cheryl personally and invite her.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from August 28, 2019 and September 11, 2019. Alan seconds the motion. All member agreed. Motion carried. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from September 25, 2019. Alan seconds the motion. Andy abstains because he did not attend the meeting. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved November 13, 2019