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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – October 5, 2022 | 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Alan Greenberg – BOH Chairman
Tom Fichtner – BOH Vice-Chairman
Joyce Gilmore – BOH Member
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. | Health Admin.

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
MAY 24, 2023

Not Present: N/A

Meeting Location: Remote via Microsoft Teams

At 7:01 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack, and begins the meeting with the 1st Agenda.

1st Item on Agenda Snack Shack @ Memorial Field (Tight Tank) – Speaker: Selectman Lawney Tinio
Lawney wanted to update the Board of the possible Tight Tank system to be placed at Memorial Field. Lawney is currently waiting on septic plans for a leeching field from Allen Engineering, but might go towards a Tight Tank. Joyce asked Lawney if this was a Seasonal space for operation. Lawney replied yes. Chairman Greenberg believes a Tight Tank would work best as it only has to be emptied once a season. Tom asked Lawney is the Snack Shack needed a grease trap. Lawney said no as the Shack only offers prepacked foods, so no fryolators or grilles would be utilized. Chairman Greenberg thanks Lawney for the update and moves onto Agenda Item #2.

2nd Item on Agenda Lake Nipmuc Updates
Jack asks the Board if they had a chance to review the presentation that was presented to the Conservation Committee last year. Joyce said she did and found the information impressive and clear on what needs to be done regarding the weed growth and keeping the lake clean. Tom asked Joyce if she was able to get into contact with MassDEP. Joyce said she left multiple messages, but no return call. Chairman Greenberg just wanted to remind the Board about the Lake Nipmuc Panel, and it should be a numerous person panel, simply 3-5 in which each has their own area of expertise. Tom wanted to mention that there should be more testing at the Lake than just the Beach area. Joyce mentioned that she spoke to Wayne Phipps about the testing Lake Nipmuc Association had done, to get their results and compare from the Beach testing. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anymore comments on this topic. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg moves on to Topic #3.

3rd Item on Agenda Dumpster Regs Discussion
Jack wanted to ask the Board to clarify who the responsibility falls on if there is a problem in regard to the dumpster, and deficiencies, lack of care, etc. Should it be the property owner or the dumpster vendor. Tom mentions that the responsibility should be on the property owner, as the dumpster is on their property and visually available on a daily basis. Joyce agrees as the Vendor just drops it off, its now the responsibility of the property owner utilizes it properly. Chairman Greenberg agrees and it should fall on the resident to abide by the dumpster regulations in Mendon and also any agreement that they may have with the dumpster company. Chairman Greenberg wanted to ask the

Board if there were any changes they would like to see incorporated into the current draft version. Joyce and Tom said no, but Jack wanted to mention to the Board that the current draft has been submitted to Town Council for review and approval. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack for that information and asks if anyone had anymore to add to the conversation on this topic. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg moves on to Topic #4.

4th Item on Agenda

New BOH Forms

Jack wanted to update the Board that while transcribing the minutes of previous Board of Health meetings, that it was mentioned that on the Septic Construction Application or the Job Card Permit, that it is not mentioned on how long septic plans are good for and that there is an extension period for when septic plans are expired. In review of the collaborative towns with Mendon, Jack had created a Property Owner's Acknowledgment Form that outlines the septic design/approval phase, the installation phase, and the certificate of compliance phase which details the process of each and any deadlines and/or extensions, if applicable. The Board has reviewed the forms and approve the use of the newly created forms for immediate use. Chairman Greenberg moves on to Topic #5.

5th Item on Agenda

Board of Health Minutes Review and Approval for 09/29/21, 10/06/21, and 10/20/21

Chairman Greenberg steps down and makes a Motion to approve the Board of Health Minutes as presented: Tom seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Abstained.**

6th Item on Agenda

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to meeting

Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had any topics for discussion before the Board adjourns for the evening. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg wanted to mention to the Board that he received a call from Jack, who received a call from MassDEP, in regard to a housing issue at 52 Millville Street, where the complainant said there was mold and asbestos issues inside the property and that the landlord was trying to remove everything without being tested.

Chairman Greenberg stated he arrived at the property and had a brief conversation with the contractors doing the work and the landlord of the property. Chairman Greenberg said that it appears to be a landlord-tenant dispute and they are trying to resolve it. Chairman Greenberg stated that the landlord and the MassDEP are in contact with one another about the concerns at the property.

Chairman Greenberg asks the Board if they had any comments or suggestions on this topic. Tom suggested responding back to the MassDEP and send a follow-up of the Chairman's visit to the property and his findings. Jack said he would do that. Chairman Greenberg suggests that Jack also request from the MassDEP about Mold Testing and email Danielle Edmands, the Health Agent for Mendon, to keep her in the loop and have her do an onsite inspection.

The Board sets its next meeting for October 19th at 7:00pm.

Joyce calls for a Motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting: Tom seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Meeting is ended at 8:37 PM.