



Town of Mendon
Board of Health
Minutes for
October 7 2020

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

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Sr. Administrative Assistant to BOH, Tom Ryder, BOH Engineer, Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering and Margaret Bacon of Civil Site Engineering

Location – Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 347-467-1434 United States, New York City (Toll)
Conference ID: 980 696 095#

COVID-19 Update

Andy commented about how Dr. Fauci said on the news tonight that we could be seeing 400,000 deaths because of COVID-19. Andy said he hopes that won't come true.

Tom had no specific update at this time & returned his time to the Chair but may have commentary to other related discussions should they occur.

Alan spoke about a recent doctor's appointment he had and talked about what he observed.

Missy told the Board there was another complaint regarding a restaurant and Lenny (BOH Health Agent) was going to speak with the owner. Missy added that her own daughters, who go to Nipmuc, will start the hybrid model next week. They will go two days in-school and three days remote learning.

1 Taft Avenue – Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering talked about a septic system repair plan. A local upgrade has been requested.

310 CMR 15.405 (1) (e) Reduction in setback from leach system to private water supply well (84' requested – 100' required) and 310 CMR 15.405 (1) (g) reduction in setback from leach system to wetlands (40' requested – 50' required)

Andy asked if the other Board Members had any questions. Tom asked if this had gone before Conservation Commission. Fred commented that ConCom did have a Public Hearing and a Notice of Intent was filed. ConCom also issued an Order of Condition. Currently the system is 20' away from the wetlands. Alan asked if this is a failing system near the lake. Fred said yes. No abutters were notified because it was not required. Tom Ryder approved the request and sent a memo. Missy read the memo to the Board Members. (See memo below)

Alan made a motion to approve as requested. Tom seconds the motion as Tom Ryder has approved. All members agree. Motion carried.

10 Edward Road – Margaret Bacon of Civil Site Engineering talked about a septic system repair plan. A local upgrade has been requested.

310 CMR 15.405 Local upgrade is required to reduce the estimated groundwater offset from the bottom of the soil absorption system from 4' to 2'. Under the Presby Environmental, Inc. DEP's remedial use approval letter, dated 9/12/2015, A 2' groundwater separation is conditionally approved if it meets the requirements under special conditions

Andy asked if there was a need for abutter notification. Margaret said no. Tom Ryder approved the request and sent a memo. Missy read the memo to the Board Members. (See memo below) Andy asked if the other members had any questions. Tom had no comments. Neither did Alan. Tom made a motion to approve the local upgrade as requested. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Simply Recycling – No one from the company attended. Board members did speak about their own personal experiences. Andy spoke of a resident who contacted Simply Recycling when her pick up was missed. The resident told Andy she was not treated well and Simply Recycling gave her an excuse for why it wasn't picked up, ranging from that she didn't put it out or didn't put out on time. However, Andy knew the resident did have it out on time. Alan had experienced some missed pick-ups. He actually saw a driver in Hopedale and the driver agreed to go back. Tom only used it one time when it first came out & did not have an issue. The Board did agree to ask to have someone attend their next meeting.

5K Fundraiser

There was a proposal of a 5K fundraiser from an organization called Living with the Ribbon. Alan was presenting on behalf of his daughter. He will recuse himself and will not take part in the discussions. Neither Board Member had an issue with the event itself. Tom did comment on the fact that the role that the BOH has been playing in this COVID-related environment is to respond to COVID complaints from the public. The local BOH makes no guidelines with regard to how events are handled. This is all being done by the State/DPH. Tom did review what was presented as an outline for this event & stated that he did not agree with one requirement listed which was to have all people required to wear face coverings. Tom's view, given that it is an outdoor event, is that people should only need to be concerned with wearing face coverings if they are unable to impart social distancing. Tom's view is that as long as the State guidelines are being followed then there really isn't anything this Board needs to approve. Tom felt that there should be a modification element to the face covering statement which would say something like, "Face coverings required by spectators when social distancing not able to be imparted". Tom deferred to Andy for his thoughts & Andy was in agreement. Missy did comment that she had sent it to the State to make sure it was ok and they were fine with it as presented originally. Missy will reach out to DPH to get a confirmation if a statement modification is acceptable.

Alan made a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 13, 20 and 28 of 2020. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

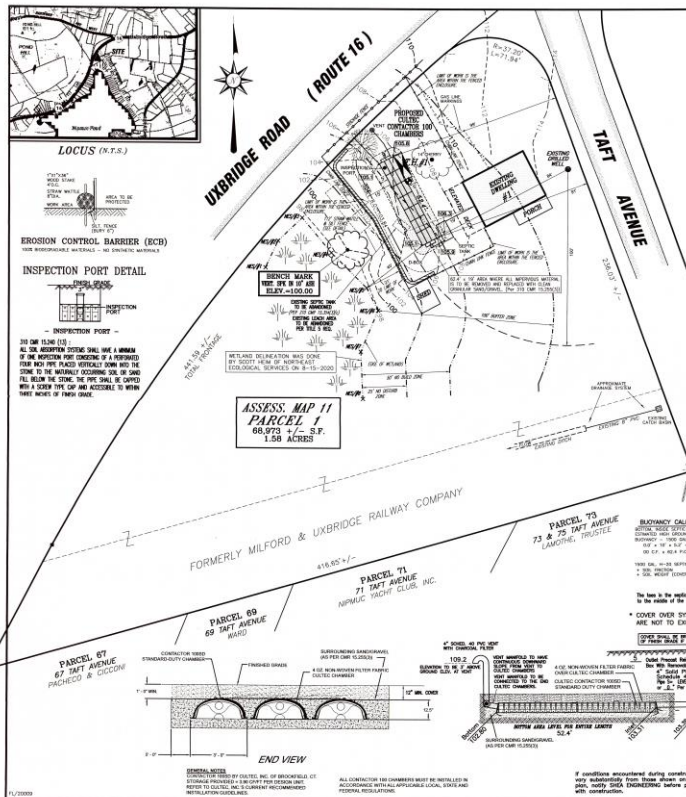
Date: October 5, 2020

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
1 Taft Avenue-Local upgrade requests**

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System (SAS) is at least 100 feet from private wells for new construction; a 50-foot offset is allowed for repairs under a Local Upgrade Approval from the Board of Health. The SAS also is required to be at least 50-feet from Bordering Vegetative Wetlands (BVW), the Board may reduce the distance for repairs under a Local Upgrade as well. The applicant is requesting the proposed soil absorption system be at 84 feet from their own well while seeking a reduction of the SAS offset from 50-feet to 40-feet to the adjacent BVW.

As this is a repair, and the site limitations make it not possible to upgrade all system in the area to Title 5 new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Requests as provided.



To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: October 5, 2020

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
10 Edward Road-Local Upgrade Utilizing Presby Approval**

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System have at least a 4-foot offset to the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. A 3-foot offset is allowed for repairs with a Local Upgrade approval. Some Innovative/Alternative Systems allow a reduction to 2-feet pending to the estimated seasonal high groundwater as a Local Upgrade approval.

The applicant is proposing the soil absorption system utilize a Presby system which DEP approval allows a 2-foot offset from the estimated seasonal high groundwater table. No other reductions are requested for this system.

As this is a repair and the site limitations create constraints to upgrade to Title 5 new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Requests as provided.

30 DAYS AGO
 NO MAPLE ST.
 DOUGLASS BLVD
 SITE PLANNING ASPTIC CONCRETE WETLAINING
 \$200.00

5K Proposal

- Possible Dates
 - Sunday November 8th or Sunday November 15th
- Registration
 - Begins at 7:30AM
- Race Starts
 - 8:30AM
- COVID Precautions
 - Runners start in groups of 10
 - Pulses start 3 mins apart
 - Runners to use masks when can't maintain 6ft distance
 - All staff and spectators must wear masks
 - 2 portlets and hand sanitizer available
 - Max of 100 runners under current guidelines
- Where
 - Town park ballfields; gravel parking area start and finish