



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
October 9, 2019**

Andy Fiske, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Lenny Izzo - Health Agent, Mike Szczepan from E L Harvey

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

At the Board’s meeting on September 11, 2019, it was decided between the Board of Health and the Agricultural Committee that the Agricultural Committee would convene again at the Board of Health’s first meeting in October. No one from the Agricultural Committee was present.

The Board discussed a request from the Conservation Committee regarding a joint meeting. The meeting is to discuss water turbidity, excessive nutrient loading (fertilizers), runoff, etc. Conservation is also considering inviting the Park’s Department, Highway Department and possibly the Lake Nipmuc Association. They are looking at Wednesday, November 13th or Thursday, November 14th. The Board agreed to attend Conservation’s meeting on Thursday. November 14th.

There was a discussion regarding Temporary Food Permits. The discussion stemmed from a situation that occurred regarding a recent event being hosted by a resident, which would include the sale of food. Individuals had been coming in applying for Temporary Food permits with only three & four days before the scheduled event. The issues that arose centered around not being able to have enough time to vet the application properly & possibly not being able to have a Health Agent available to inspect, as required by law. Recommendations had been made to advise people that paperwork should be submitted at least 21 days prior to the event & that no Temporary Food Permit application will be accepted less than 14 days prior to an event. After a long discussion. Alan made a motion to go to a “21-day guideline” for Temporary Food Permit Applications to be submitted prior to an event in town and in addition, no Temporary Food Permit Application will be accepted less than 14 days prior to the event no exceptions. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Szczepan from E L Harvey wanted to talk to the Board about limits on bulk pick-ups. A few weeks back, a property owner scheduled at least 8 bulk pick-up items and it was a disaster. Mike is asking to limit the amount of bulk pick-up items that one household can request in one week. The Board asked what amount be a reasonable. Mike said two to three in one week is reasonable. To note, our previous contract with Republic Services had a limit of one bulk pick-up per household each week. Tom made a motion to limit the number of bulk pick-ups to three items per week per household. This would go into effect January 1, 2020. Alan seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried.

There was also a discussion on the size of barrels that E L Harvey will pick up at curbside from residents. Recently, Harvey informed their subscription customers they would no longer be servicing them, as E.L. Harvey is under contract to the Town as a whole. E.L. Harvey gave these folks the option of keeping their 95 gallon-container for a fee or Harvey will pick them up. The Board explained that currently residents are only allowed 2 65-gallon containers and the Town does not allow the larger ones. Mike said that they are all over Town, which was a surprise to the Board. The Board agreed that there needs to be consistency as far as what the Town will allow and what the hauler will allow. Mike noted that the truck that is now used has automated arms which can handle larger barrels more effectively & creates less physical demand on the driver. Tom made a motion to allow residents to have one 95-gallon container, two 65-gallon containers or four 30-gallon containers. The total limit will be four 30-gallon trash bags. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 23, 2019.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved November 13, 2019