



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 – September 13, 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams		7:30 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendon Town Hall – Upper Meeting Room • 18 Main Street, Mendon MA		9:56 PM

At 7:30 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 Issues with Steven Donatelli @ 10 Northbridge Street & 40 North Avenue

Steven Donatelli, the Mendon Title 5 Inspector, starts off with 10 Northbridge Street. He updates the Board that there is a failed cesspool on the property and needs to be replaced. It is on a pumping schedule for once a month to maintain the system, but highly recommends that the Property Owner to get an Engineer to design a whole new system for the property. Chairman Greenberg mentioned that the Property Owner told him that they were working with Land Planning Engineering for the septic design. Chairman Greenberg asks Jack to follow up with Land Planning on Friday for an update and asks Steve to talk about 40 North Avenue.

Steve said that it's a similar situation to 10 Northbridge Street, but a little bit more dire. This cesspool is also in failure and does not believe pumping it monthly would be adequate enough. So, the Property Owner should also reach out to an Engineer to design a whole new system for the property. Colleen stated that the Property Owner was provided with engineering firms to provide those services and that the Property Owner would reach out to them to get the process started. Chairman Greenberg asks the Board any they had anything additional to ask or comment. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Steve for the updates and for joining tonight's meeting and moves on to the 2nd Agenda Item.

2nd Item on Agenda

Marchand Environmental Septic Hauler Permit

Chairman Greenberg welcomes Michael Marchand, Sr. and his Attorney, Ernie Horn and thanks them for appearing in person and asks the Board if they wanted to ask questions to Mr. Marchand, Sr. to start off the topic. Tom Fichter asked where things are in regard to obtaining a Mendon Septic Haulers Permit. Attorney Horn wasn't sure why there is an issue with obtaining a Septic Haulers Permit in Mendon and would like clarification. Chairman Greenberg gave a brief history of activity being done by Marchand Environmental, all being done without obtaining a Permit before conducting the activity. Joyce brings to the point that in working with the Lake Nipmuc Task Force, specifically in tracking septic pumping records for properties around the lake, it was noted that Residents have supplied the Board copies of their pumping record invoice, but the Pumping Record was not sent to the Board by Marchand Environmental, which is a requirement by MassDEP. Mr. Marchand, Sr. stated that his office is overwhelmed and understaffed but is working on getting everything up to date. After further discussion, Chairman Greenberg asked Mr. Marchand, Sr. if he is aware of the Massachusetts Laws regarding Septage Hauling. Mr. Marchand, Sr. confirmed he is aware. Chairman Greenberg asked Mr. Marchand, Sr. if he understands that he is not in compliance with the Massachusetts Laws regarding Septage Hauling. Mr. Marchand, Sr. responded Yes. After further discussion, Attorney Horn requested that

Marchand Environmental have a 30-Day Extension on pumping the Portable Toilets currently at the NEFC Field in Mendon.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to allow a 30-Day Restrictive Septic Hauling Permit to Marchand Environmental.

Joyce makes the motion to allow a 30-Day Restrictive Septic Hauling Permit to Marchand Environmental to the pumping of the Portable Toilets at the NEFC Field. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Chairman Greenberg asks the Board any they had anything additional to ask or comment. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Michael Marchand, Sr. and Attorney Horn and moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

3rd Item on Agenda EL Harvey FY24 Contract Update

Jack updates the Board that EL Harvey Counsel is still working on it. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 3rd Agenda Item.

4th Item on Agenda Mendon Landfill Update

Jack updates the Board that the new contract has been sent back to Atlas, who handles all the testing requirements for the Landfill. Tom Fichter mentions that when Atlas is out at the Landfill again for monitoring, that he'd be interested in being onsite with them. Chairman Greenberg agrees and would also like to be onsite for their next monitoring visit. Jack will reach out to Atlas to get a timeframe for the next scheduled visit and let the Board know. Chairman Greenberg asks the Board any they had anything additional to ask or comment. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 4th Agenda Item.

5th Item on Agenda Recycling & Energy Drive Update

Jack updates the Board that from the event that took place at Miscoe Middle School last Saturday, about 125 cars came to the event. This event was for the Towns of Mendon, Upton and Hopedale. The entire event was a great success and hoping to have it as an annual event. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

6th Item on Agenda Flu Clinic 2023 Scheduled

Jack updates the Board that the Flu Clinics, sponsored by the VNA, is scheduled for October 13th at the Senior Center from 9 am to 11 am and the 2nd at the Miscoe Middle School on October 17th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

7th Item on Agenda Lake Nipmuc Task Force Committee Update

Joyce updates the Board that she attended the 1st meeting of the Lake Nipmuc Taks Force. During the meeting, they selected the roles of the committee members and all discussed the ideas and concerns of Lake. Joyce said she'll update the Board as the Lake Nipmuc Taks Force meetings take place. Chairman Greenberg asks the Board any they had anything additional to ask or comment. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Joyce and moves on to the 5th Agenda Item.

8th Item on Agenda 2024 Permit Application Discussion

Jack updates the Board that since the full Board of Health was not available at the last meeting, to reintroduce the topic of possibly raising the Mendon Tobacco Permit Fee. After discussion among the Board Members, an increase is warranted to cover the costs associated with providing Tobacco Enforcement services.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to raise the Annual Mendon Tobacco Permit Fee from \$50 to \$150.

Tom Fichtner makes the motion to raise the Annual Mendon Tobacco Permit Fee from \$50 to \$150 to take effect on January 1, 2024. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the 9th Agenda Item.

9th Item on Agenda Health Agent's Report

Colleen updates the Board that she is still monitoring the progress for 10 Northbridge Street & 40 North Avenue in regard to bringing the septic systems into compliance.

Colleen updates the Board that 8 Hastings Street has been inspected by Danielle Edmands, the Animal Inspector, in regard to the keeping and maintaining of the Rabbits and the cleanliness of the property. Colleen stated that Danielle found the property to be cleaned up and the Rabbits were health in in good living conditions.

Colleen updates the Board that 8 Cape Road has an upcoming Housing Inspection to review the progress of coming into compliance and will update the Board of that outcome of the visit.

Colleen updates the Board that 10 Cape Road has been inspected by a Pest Control Company and has been provided with their report of their findings. The report stated that they did not find any signs of wildlife inside the property, but feces found inside the residence appear to be that from the dog belonging to the Tenant residing in the home. For the other housing violations, Colleen stated that she made an onsite inspection, and is pleased to report that property is now in compliance.

Colleen updates the Board that 9 Blackstone Street, Sun Rise Apartments, have been undergoing bed bug extermination in 2 of the apartments on the property. Colleen spoke with the Property Manager and said that they are continuing to monitor the situation. Colleen has requested that the most recent Inspection Reports be sent to the Board of Health for our files.

Colleen updates the Board that 36 Washington Street situation with manure on the property being put into wetlands area is now in the hands of ConComm. The report from the Animal Inspector was sent to the Interim-Town Administrator and ConComm for their follow-up.

Colleen updates the Board that there are no concerns with the Food Establishments in Mendon, but wanted to follow-up that she did meet with the Owner of Lowells and after speaking and walking the establishment, Colleen said the establishment is in great condition.

Chairman Greenberg asks the Board any they had anything additional to ask or comment. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Colleen and moves on to the last Agenda Item.

10th Item on Agenda Topics Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours

Tom Fichtner asked for an update as to the update to the Rooster Regulations. Jack said the proposed change was sent to AgComm but has not received a response back, but will follow-up with them.

Chairman Greenberg asked for an update as to the Board of Health getting on the Finance Committee Agenda to talk about the Revolving Account. Jack said he has reached out to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee and has not heard back, but Tom Fichter said he would personally talk to the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee about getting on their Agenda.

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday – September 27th at 7:00 pm.

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

Joyce makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Tom Fichtner seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.

Meeting is ended at 9:56 PM.