



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
September 14, 2016**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: - Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Not Present: Vice Chairman Alan Greenberg

Location – Board of Health Office– 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

155 Hartford Avenue East – Missy received a call from a neighbor concerned about animals (pigs, chickens rabbits and dogs) and was wondering if it was okay to have them. Missy called Max (Animal Inspector) to arrange an inspection of the property. Property owner Jennifer Sharpe came to speak to the Board about her concerns she has with Animal Inspector Max Carbone. She runs a dog training business out of her home. She had a client contact her about what the client was told about Ms. Sharpe and her business. Ms. Sharpe's client had a conversation with someone at a barn in the State of Rhode Island. The client said this person was a cop from the Town of Mendon. This "cop" told her not to do business with Ms. Sharpe because she has many complaints filed against her.

Ms. Sharpe went and spoke to Acting Chief Kurczy to find out what complaints had been filed against her. Acting Chief Kurczy informed her there were no open complaints with his department. Follow up investigation concluded that Ms. Sharpe's client was incorrect in her representation of whom she was speaking with. It was in fact Max Carbone (Animal Inspector) and not a Mendon Police Officer Ms. Sharpe, in follow up with her client, stated that her client did not want Max to get in trouble so she said it was a Mendon Police Officer.

This was going on before Missy received the call from the neighbor. Max went to the house on a Sunday night. Ms. Sharpe was not happy that he brought a friend with him or that he was dressed like he had just come from the beach. Her husband was the first one to talk with Max. She did not like that Max did not identify himself to her at first. She told Max that she was not comfortable with him being there and did not want him to do an inspection at this time.

The Board would like to invite Acting Chief Kurczy to the next meeting on September 28, 2016, as the Board would like to hear from Acting Chief Kurczy directly. They will then meet with Max. Then, the Board will determine if an inspection needs to be done. If one is needed it would be done with Max and an officer. The Board thanked Ms. Sharpe for taking the time to come in and speak to them.

Clough School and Town Hall Complex - Board of Health Engineer Tom Ryder was present to talk about the leach field system that supports the Clough School and the Town Hall Complex.

This leach field is positioned behind the Highway Department. Franie Irons attended the meeting, as he had initially raised concerns about the positioning of the leach field in relation to the aquifer. Tom Ryder provided multiple recommendations. His first recommendation is for Mr. Irons to contact the Conservation Commission to see if there are any stream teams testing the Mill River. The other recommendation is to request a copy the Maintenance Plan for the septic system at the Clough School, along with obtaining meter readings from the school's well. The Board, along with Tom R. and Health Agent Lenny Izzo, will look to do an inspection of the system

25 Ashkins Drive – The Board received a Conditional Pass Title V Inspection for 25 Ashkins Drive. The inspection that was done in 2010 states that the septic system is designed for a 4 bedroom and is a 4 bedroom dwelling. The 2016 inspection says it's designed as a 5 bedroom and is actually a 6 bedroom dwelling. It also appears that an upgrade was requested in 2008 but was never done. The Board asked Missy to contact the individual who performed the inspection for clarification.

Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Approved November 16, 2016