

Town of Mendon Board of Health 18 Main St. Mendon Minutes for August 23, 2019

Andy Fiske, Chairman, called the emergency meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Kimberly Newman – Town Administrator, Lawney Tinio – Selectmen, Christopher Burk – Selectmen, David Kurczy – Police Chief, William Kessler – Fire Chief, Dan Byer – Parks Department

Not Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman (However, Alan did participate via speakerphone)

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

The Board of Health was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health that a horse in Town has tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) There was a conference call offered by Mass DPH that morning, which was attended by Tom Fichtner, Alan Greenberg, Missy Kakela-Boisvert and Kim Newman. The Town has now been elevated to "CRITICAL" status. The State will be conducting aerial spraying starting Sunday August 25, 2019. Due to Mendon's elevated status, the Town is now in the partial spray zone.

After some discussions, the Board of Health, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, agreed that there should be no outdoor actives held on municipally-owned property between dusk and dawn. Tom Fichtner made a motion that due to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "CRITICAL" status for the Town of Mendon, no outdoor activities will be held on municipally-owned properties from dusk until dawn until further notice. Andy steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. It should be noted that other surrounding towns are following the same protocol. There will be a Code Red message sent to residents this evening.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy steps down as Chairman & seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.