



**Town of Mendon  
Board of Health  
18 Main St. Mendon  
Minutes for  
July 25, 2018**

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

Present: Alan Greenberg Vice Chairman Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

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

The Board reviewed two different draft versions of the 2018-2019 Collection Calendar. One version is in a “paragraph” format and the other has “bulleted” points in a line item format. The Board voted to go with the “bulleted” format.

The Board discussed the amount of time that it has been taking for Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer) to review plans. In discussion, it had been noted that this has been an issue, with Andy commenting that he has heard from others that Mendon takes longer than other communities to get plans approved. The Board agreed that they are happy with the work Tom Ryder does. It was also noted that Title V does allow for a 45-day period of time to review a plan. The Board discussed whether the communication of this “45 day” period could be improved, whether that be to include it on application paperwork or communicate it directly to people bringing in plans. Missy did note that engineers already are aware or should be aware of this timeline. It is engineers that typically submit paperwork.

In reference to the above topic of a long timeline to review plans, Tom F. received an email from the property owner, concerned about the approval of his plans, located at 33 Cape Road. It seemed to the property owner that a very long period of time had elapsed without hearing anything. Come to find out, Tom Ryder had already reviewed the initial plans and had been in Communication with the property owners’ engineer. Tom R. was waiting for the owners’ engineer to get back to him with some information. When Tom F. found out the status, he emailed the property owner. It was also noted that because this plan is for a concession stand, which a revised plan is now incorporating a well for public water use, the property owner might want to find out if the well must be classified as a PWS (Public Water Supply). If so, the well will require DEP’s approval. This is something that Tom Ryder will be confirming with DEP and will update the property owners’ engineer.

The new Trash & Recycling contract with E.L. Harvey has started. The Board discussed the idea of having E.L. Harvey representatives come to a meeting in about a couple of months to review how the new relationship is going and review any process concerns or issues.

The Board talked again about a Title V Inspection being done on the shared system at the Clough School. Tom Ryder (BOH Engineer) told Missy he is waiting to hear from Dave Boyer at DEP.

Missy informed the Board that the latest invoice received from Microbac indicates that the cost for water testing at the Town Beach has doubled, without any prior notice from Microbac. The Board told Missy to hold the bills until Microbac can explain why the Board was not informed of the increase. Also, they asked Missy to look into other labs to do the testing.

The Board asked Missy to send out two letters, one being a Certified Letter to Republic Services regarding the email that was sent on June 28, 2018 to Dan Higgins and Joe Alves. This letter will be sent to the Republic Services headquarters in Phoenix Arizona. The second letter will be sent to the owners of the Mendon Twin Drive-In regarding the installation of the new septic system. This letter will ask for them to respond to the status of the pending septic system project to confirm if the previously provided timeframe of implementation is still on track. Missy will send out the letters for the Board to review prior to them being mailed out.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Approved August 15, 2018*