



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
May 9, 2018**

Andy Fiske, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg Vice Chairman Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

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

107 Hartford Avenue East - The Board reviewed the memo from BOH Engineer Tom Ryder. In the memo Tom recommends approving the Local Up-Grade. Alan makes a motion based on Tom Ryder's recommendation to approve the Local Up-Grade as requested. Tom F. seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. (Attached is a copy of Tom Ryder's memo)

39 Hartford Avenue West – Missy was still waiting to hear from BOH Engineer Tom Ryder. Tom made a motion to approve the Local Up-Grade request pending Tom R. approval. Alan seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried. (Attached is a copy of Tom Ryder's memo)

Missy informed the Board that ATC Cardno, the company that does the landfill testing, is having a problem getting in touch with the property owner. Since the Town does not own the property, they need permission to do the testing and for the inspection to take place. The Board asked how many attempts were made to reach the land owner. Missy was not sure but Steve from ATC told her that they use to get an answering machine and would leave a message. However, there is no longer an answering machine. Tom F. said he would try to stop by and make contact.

Dan Higgins from Republic Services came to meet with the Board. He is offering a revised proposal for Option 1 as follows:

Option 1 - The new price for Proposal Option 1 will be \$800.00 less than the current contract price. They will not add the additional amount for the increase in prevailing wages. Dan knows that the call center has been an issue and has offered to have the director of the call center meet with the Board next week.

Andy asked how often are the trucks replaced and what is the overall maintenance condition. Dan replied a truck will last about 8 to 10 years to which Andy queried if Mendon is due a new truck. Dan was not sure. Andy asked if there are cameras on the trucks. Dan said there are backup cameras only on new trucks. Andy asked about communication and the use of iPads to which Dan stated that these are on the way. Tom asked if the trucks had GPS. Dan said they are connected with a radio system. Alan inquired as to why Dan is now offering a lower contract price. Dan explained it will be tight but Republic wants to stay in Mendon. The Board asked what would the price would be on Proposal Option 2 and Dan told them he would have to get back to them.

Next meeting will be May 30th.

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

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: April 30, 2018

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
107 Hartford Ave East-Local Upgrade**

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System is at least 5-feet above the estimated seasonal high groundwater in soils with percolation rates less than 2 mpi. A 4-foot offset is allowed for repairs under a Local Upgrade Approval from the Board of Health. The applicant is requesting the proposed soil absorption system be at 4.2 feet from the estimated seasonal. The applicant is also proposing that the system be more than 3-feet in the ground to avoid the requirement for a pump. The system is designed to provide ventilation to allow oxygen into the system at that extra depth.

As this is a repair, and the determination of seasonal high groundwater was based on total depth of the test pit with no indication of mottling; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Requests as provided.

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: May 21, 2018

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
39 Hartford Avenue West-Local upgrade**

The applicant is requesting a Local Upgrade Approval for the proposed septic system repair for the above referenced property.

Title 5 requires that the Soil Absorption System is at least 100 feet from private wells for new construction; a 50-foot offset is allowed for repairs under a Local Upgrade Approval from the Board of Health. The applicant is requesting the proposed soil absorption system be at 50 feet from their own well.

As this is a repair, the proposed new house will be within the same construction envelope as the existing house, and the site limitations make it not possible to upgrade all system in the area to Title 5 new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the Local Upgrade Requests as provided.