



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
October 25, 2017**

Alan Greenberg Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Not Present: Chairman Andy Fiske

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

The Board discussed an email request from Bill McHenry (Affordable Housing Coordinator) to wave Perc Testing Fees for 52 Providence Street. According to the email (See Attached), Bill is requesting a reduction of this fee. Bill has stated in his email that 52 Providence Street is a town-owned parcel of land. Alan and Tom had a discussion, which raised a number of questions. It was noted, as part of the discussion, that if an individual or group would like the Board to reduce or even waive a fee, it would be beneficial to have that person or group attend a meeting to provide all the supporting factors to warrant such a request. The email indicates that a grant is being provided, which had the Board wondering just what the grant is designed to pay for. Alan made a motion that, based on current information in hand and without additional supporting information at this time, the Board should not reduce or waive the current fees. Tom seconds the motion. Both Members agreed. The Board did note that it is open to discussing the matter further should Bill wish to attend a future meeting & provide additional information. It was also noted that Bill provided an update to his original email that indicated he would prefer the Board to render its decision without him being present.

Missy requested from the Board a complete policy and/or regulation for Temporary Trailer Permits, which are designed to allow for housing accommodations for a property owner whose circumstances do not allow said property owner to live in the dwelling on said property. It was noted that there will be a permit expiring shortly and this permit had already been renewed once. Without a complete policy or regulation in place, it keeps a Temporary Trailer Permit somewhat open-ended. Currently, this is the only Temporary Trailer Permit in effect. It should be noted that Mendon Zoning Bylaws do not allow for use of trailers on properties as a permanent residence, as defined in Article III, Section 3.01, (b) (ii).

Alan and Tom discussed a couple of ideas. For example, before this initial permit expires, the Board should receive a letter or email from the owner explaining why they need an extension of time. The Members present believe a full Board should have an opportunity to discuss and render viewpoints. As such, Alan & Tom have deferred rendering any final decisions until the full Board can participate.

The Board discussed sending a letter to the owners of 35 Milford Street asking for a Construction Schedule for the proposed new septic system to be built. It was noted that a Construction Schedule was created for the previous owners when issues originally arose with the septic system. The Board did review past Meeting Minutes from November 2016. At that time, the Board had met with one of the current owners and agreed to the proposed construction of the new system starting October 15, 2018 and being completed by December 15, 2018.

The Board asked Missy to contact Steve O'Connell from Andrews Survey for an update on the progress being made on the septic system at Galliford's Restaurant.

The Board will also discuss, with a full Board, a policy/regulation regarding expired septic plans. In years past, if a plan expired the process would be that the application would have to be resubmitted with new plans along with the application fee. The Board is considering making changes to the current policy.

Alan stepped down as Vice-Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved November 15, 2017

From: Bill McHenry
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Andrew Fiske <AFiske@mendonma.gov>
Cc: Bill McHenry <bMcHenry@mendonma.gov>
Subject: waiver from BOH

Hi Andy –
I figure I'll need to come to a BOH meeting to address this, but I'd like to understand your thoughts while waiting.

I have an application for perc testing at 52 Providence St.
This is town –owned land we're looking to use for a housing project.
I have a MA grant to explore the possibilities – and this includes doing some engineering work.

I have the perc test application completed and expect to pay some portion of the \$300 BOH to cover BOH oversight of the testing.
It seems to me (and others) that the remainder of the fee should be waived.... As Mendon (town) is just charging itself.

Can you advise me on how to proceed / whether to apply for the waiver?
When do you meet next please?

Thanks –
Bill

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