



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
20 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
October 26, 2016**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg - Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

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

Animal Inspector Max Carbone came to talk with the Board about the issues stemming from interactions with Jennifer Sharp. Max provided his views on the matter which relates to having been called to the Sharp residence for a quarantine of a dog. Ms. Sharpe stated to Max that she hadn't received the order so Max mailed her another one. Max had been approached by a person out of state who was going to be getting a dog from Ms. Sharpe. Because Max had knowledge of a previous situation, he stated that he only recommended to this person that they talk to Mendon Police Dept. To note, in a previous meeting with Ms. Sharp, the Board received information to the contrary.

Missy called Max about a neighbor's concern regarding various animals being kept (chickens, rabbits, dogs and pigs). Max responded to Missy's request to do an inspection. Max explained that Ms. Sharp was confrontational with him. Max left the property. After the incident he spoke with Officer Hoar. It is believed that Ms. Sharp's "confrontational" stance may have been as a result of believing (right or wrong) that Max had spoken negatively of Ms. Sharp's handling of animals.

The Board suggested that when Max does return to perform the inspection, he should have Health Agent Lenny Izzo accompany him and that Max should check in with the Mendon Police Department as well. Alan offered to go with him as a learning experience.

The Board moved on to the next item involving discussions with Mike Szczepan of Republic Services, who came in to talk with the Board about the new call center. Republic opened a nationwide call center down south. When residents call the 1-800 number, they will not be talking to someone in Auburn as they had in the past. Missy expressed concerns because Mendon residents were being charged more than the contracted \$10.00 for a bulk item. Mike apologized for the errors and explained that it is a learning curve as this call center handles Multiple accounts, both municipal & regular commercial & residential. Mike confirmed that Republic has credited any accounts that were overcharged.

Next, the Board reviewed the Temporary Trailer Housing Permit. Alan made a motion to approve the form with some minor revisions. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2016.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.