



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
September 11, 2019**

Andy Fiske, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Animal Inspector Max Carbone, Raymond Zook, Jane Belleville and Peter Hawkes

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

26 Northbridge Street –Alan made a motion to approve the variance requests from the Mendon Private Well Regulation for Raymond Zook. 97-feet requested 100-feet required to leach field to the abutting property of 24 Northbridge Street and 3.2-feet requested 10-feet required to property line. Tom F. seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Next, Jane Belleville and Peter Hawkes (members of the Agricultural Commission) were in attendance, as the BOH extended an invitation to the Agricultural Commission to attend a BOH meeting to discuss EEE. The invitation came about as a result of the BOH’s previous meeting that dealt with the topic of EEE. Ms. Belleville had inquired at the August 28th meeting as to why their group had not been communicated to about the information concerning a horse that had tested positive for EEE. It was from this encounter that the BOH wanted to improve communications hence the extent of the invite for this evening.

As discussions continued, it was pointed out to Jane, by Vice Chairman Alan Greenberg, that he had talked to Jane personally as a fellow horse owner. However, Ms. Belleville said he did not identify himself as a BOH member though. In addition, it was noted that a Code Red announcement went out to residents and an email went out to all Town departments from the Town Administrator explaining the situation. The Agricultural Commission was included in the email distribution. Further discussion noted that the Agricultural Commission webpage needs to be updated, as it currently lists an individual as the Chairman but that individual is no longer a member of the Agricultural Commission. In summary regarding communications, all realized that there are improvements that can be implemented.

Further discussions centered about educating horse owners about EEE and how to possibly protect horses. It was agreed that education was key. Max Carbone (Animal Inspector) provided some very good insight Ms. Bellville and Mr. Hawkes explained that their Commission does not have a Town budget. The Board recommended to Ms. Bellville & Mr. Hawkes that they do some research & gather information. The Board would work with them to send an article to the Town Crier. The BOH Board & the Agricultural Commission agreed to meet again at the BOH’s fist meeting in October to discuss any updates.

The Board then discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Alan and Andy said it was very busy and they had to close early because the budget set for this event had been reached. Next year, the Board would like to incorporate a police detail and will increase the budget by \$3,000.00, as they do not want to be turning people away. Also, they want to add latex paint as an unaccepted item.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved October 23, 2019

To: Mendon Board of Health

From: Tom Ryder

Date: September 11, 2019

**Re: Mendon Board of Health Plan Review
26 Northbridge Street – Variance for Private Well setbacks**

The applicant is requesting a Variance in accordance with Section 7 of the Town of Mendon's Private Well regulation for the above referenced property. The proposed private well is considered an "Alteration" of an existing well in order to accommodate a setback from the property's own septic system.

The Town of Mendon's Private Well Regulations require that the well is located at least 10-feet from the property line and the well is at least 100-Feet from a Soil Absorption system.

The proposed well shown on a plan by MWE dated 8/15/19 is shown to be 3.2-Feet from the Property line (Northbridge Street R.O.W.); and
The proposed well is shown to be 97-Feet from the abutter's Soil Absorption System at 24 Northbridge Street.

As this is a repair, and the site limitations create constraints to upgrade to new construction standards; I am recommending approval of the variance as noted below:

1. The applicant shall provide certification that the abutter at 24 Northbridge Street has been Notified in regards to the variance requests;
2. The proposed well shall be staked by the design engineer/surveyor prior to location and certified as to the location on an asbuilt.
3. Finished grading around the well head shall drain/direct stormwater away from the well. Protective devices/structures be incorporated around the well head (on the property) in order to protect the well in case inadvertent snow plow or other roadway maintenance from effecting structural integrity of the well head.
4. Applicant meets all other requirements with Town of Mendon's Private Well Regulations including providing a water quality analysis from a certified lab prior to the BOH issuing a well completion certificate.