



**Town of Mendon
Board of Health
18 Main St. Mendon
Minutes for
September 25, 2019**

Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Edmund Schofield of 138 Blackstone Street, Deb Fox of 83 Uxbridge Road and Mike Szczepan from E.L. Harvey.

Not Present: Andy Fiske, Chairman

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

138 Blackstone Street – The Board requested Mr. Schofield to attend the meeting to discuss his Temporary Housing Trailer Application. Mr. Schofield told the Board that he had previously attended a Selectmen’s meeting. At that meeting, his application was approved for two years pending approval from the Building Department, Fire Department and Board of Health. Tom F. (Board Member) explained that there is a process and that this particular permit is intended as a temporary allowance. In this instance, this is the fourth application for this property that has been brought to this Board since 2016. It was noted that there was a Foundation-Only Permit that was approved by the Building Department but it had expired and the foundation was not put in. A Septic Plan was submitted and approved, which will expire December of 2020. It was noted by Vice Chairman Alan Greenberg that if the application for a Temporary Housing Trailer Permit is approved, it may possibly be for only one year. However, this will be a topic of discussion when there is a full Board present. The Board told Mr. Schofield that they will need something from the Fire Department and the Building Department informing us that he has complied with their requirements. Then, the Board will have Lenny Izzo (BOH Health Agent) go out and do his inspection. Mr. Schofield had indicated that certain elements of his initial plans had fallen thru which unfortunately created some unintended setbacks. However, Mr. Schofield feels positive about the situation currently & understands where the Board is coming from.

83 Uxbridge Road – Deb Fox came to talk to the Board about her trash bill. The previous owner had canceled her trash service in June. Ms. Fox told the Board she had called the office and was told when to put out her trash and the day to put it out. There was some confusion as to who she actually talked to and the dollar amount that was owed. When her trash had not been picked up, she reached out to the BOH & was informed that she was not on the subscriber list and would need to make payment for the 2nd half of the year. However, Ms. Fox did not believe she should have to pay for the entire 2nd half, as she was not in the home at the start of the 2nd half of the year’s payment. Vice Chairman Alan Greenberg walked thru the issue at hand. It was concluded that Ms. Fox would only need to pay \$69.00. Ms Fox agreed & wrote a check for \$69.00.

E. L. Harvey – Mike Szczepan came to talk to the Board about a few things. He told them that E.L. Harvey has sent letters to residents that are subscription customers. The letter informed them that they will no longer be servicing them. He said they gave them the choice to keep their containers for \$75.00 or Harvey will remove them. The containers are 95 gallons. Missy questioned if they were going to be allowed to use this type of container for trash. Mike stated that it was absolutely acceptable for them to use it for trash. Missy noted that the BOH guidelines do not allow those large containers for trash. Mike explained that years ago, drivers had to manually get the trash out of those larger containers and it was very difficult. The trucks used now have the automated arms, which makes it easier for the drivers. Mike said there are a lot of those containers in Town. Missy asked if Harvey has been picking up the trash at those locations and Mike said yes. Missy asked the Board for clarification, as to which guideline is correct.

Tom and Alan determined that this is a discussion that should involve the full Board. The other issue Mike wanted to talk about was a limit on bulk items. Recently, a resident made a request for 8 bulk items to be picked up, which ended up being a full truck load that had to then go and be dumped and then return to Town for the other scheduled bulk pick-ups. Since being with E.L. Harvey, this is the first time anyone has requested so many items to be picked up at once. When the Town was with Republic Services, there was a limit of one bulk pick up per week. Mike suggested a limit of three, which both Alan & Tom feel is reasonable. However, Alan & Tom opted to wait until the full Board meets before making a formal vote. No action taken at this time on either issue.

The Board asked Missy to talk with Lenny (BOH Health Agent) about looking at 12 Blackstone Street and 123 Uxbridge Road. It has come to the Board's attention that there are two mobile homes on these properties that are hooked up to a water and sewer source. Neither has a valid permit.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2019.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan steps down as Vice-Chairman seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved October 23, 2019