



**Town of Boxford**  
**Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health**

**January 25, 2016**

**Present:** Richard Fahrner, Louise Kress, Richard Taylor, Heather Forand, Hans Jeppesen Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Louise Kress**

Bills were reviewed and signed.

**Turtle Nesting Soils**

Chris Huntress from Huntress Associates, Inc. was present to request a permit for an Earth Removal and Earth Filling Project for the soils coming into Boxford for the Blanding's turtle nesting habitat. Any amount of soils over 500 cubic yards falls under The Board of Health's regulation. The Boxford Common project is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre turtle nesting habitat that Mr. Huntress pointed out on a map to the Board and explained how the soil will be brought into the nesting area. Under the original construction 400 cubic yards was determined by National Heritage which is a department under The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The purpose of the turtle habitat construction is to locate it between two wetland systems and the turtle will migrate back and forth during mating season to lay their eggs. Mr. Huntress explained that the soil being brought in would be a supplement to the soil already at the location. However, the 400 cubic yards would not be enough and there would be a need for an additional 150 cubic yards. The Board was shown a sieve analysis of the sand material that was brought in and accepted by National Heritage.

**Motion by D. Taylor** to grant the request for 500 cubic yards of fill for the turtle nesting area, seconded by **R. Fahrner** ,approved **unanimously**.

### **Crumb Rubber Testing Protocol**

Chris Huntress was present for the discussion of the crumb rubber testing process. The letter composed by **D. Taylor** was re-read by the Board members.

**L. Kress** requested clarification on the letter with regards of not stating set standards of the contents of the material. **D. Taylor** felt it gave the Board the opportunity to be able to discuss and make the decisions on what would be acceptable. **D. Taylor** read aloud a part of the letter regarding the testing for heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and explained to Mr. Huntress how the Board would like the testing to be done. Part of the process would include taking two samples to provide analysis. Mr. Huntress stated to have the manufacturer pull a sample, run a test analysis, and provide the results even before shipment. **H. Forrand** mentioned that it could already be the standard of the manufacturer. **L. Kress** requested clarification of the arrival of the shipment into Boxford and the ownership of the material prior to testing. Mr. Huntress explained that the contractor owns the material and he then explained the arrival and testing process. **D. Taylor** suggested to not vote on the topic at current meeting. Mr. Huntress will show a draft letter to the contractor and a continuation of the testing protocol will be on the February 10, 2016 Board of Health meeting agenda.

### **8:15 PM Adjourn**

With no further business, there was a **motion** made by **D. Taylor**, seconded by **R. Fahrner**, the Board voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek  
Minutes Secretary



