



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

April 24, 2019

Present: Richard Fahrner, Richard Taylor, Heather Forand, Hans Jeppesen, Alex Constan
Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by R. Fahrner

Minutes, Announcements, and Bills

Announcements: Earth Day clean up celebration Saturday April 27, 2019 11:00-3:00

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the March 25, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to accept minutes as amended, seconded by **H. Jeppesen** Approved **unanimously**.

Bills: Bills were signed

12 Dole Hill Lane Variance

The Board of Health voted at their meeting on April 24, 2019, to grant the following requested variances to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 12 Dole Hill Rd, dated 4/6/19 and submitted to this office on 4/11/19.

310 CMR 15.104 To allow the use of a sieve analysis. The Board voted to allow the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test. The soils were too damp to conduct a percolation test.

310 CMR 15.211 To allow the setback distance from the foundation wall to the leaching facility to be reduced from 20 to 13 feet.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on:

- A poly barrier membrane will be installed on the downhill side of the leach field and along the side of the house

These variances were granted based on:

- The designed is an improvement over the existing system
- As designed the system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property

A. Constan motioned to approve the requested variance, **seconded** as amended by **D. Taylor**.

Approved **unanimously**.

Director's Update

At the end of the month there will be soil testing on a new 14 unit subdivision on the Haynes property on Main Street.

Current recycling contamination data review and potential impacts, direct resident trash fees, Fin Com position of trash sticker cost

The Board inquired about the Town's recycling contamination rate and discussed being present for the next trash audit with Waste Management. The Towns contamination rate is 5% which is the lowest out of 27 Towns in Essex County.

Michael White of the finance committee went in front of the Board to discuss the revenue benefits increasing the cost of the trash stickers. **D. Taylor** explained why the Town has curbside pick-up and why it is under the authority of the Board of Health along with the fee of the trash stickers. The Board of Health is in charge of the trash contractual agreements which include some strict regulations created by the Board. In the past the Board had to clean up some trash issues which were a health problem that went along with the contract and the stickers. The discussion continued on the pros and cons of raising the cost of the stickers and also talked about how to keep the recycling contamination rate low to keep costs low. The issue will be revisited in a few months after the next audit.

Large Septic System Regulation Discussion

The Board continued their discussion on the large septic system regulation. **R. Fahrner** read aloud a list he prepared of items not included in the Regulation draft. The Board continued talks on the testing and permitting of a large system.

Andrews Farm Water

Nothing new to report.

Adjourn 9:15pm

The next meeting date to be determined and with no further business there was a **motion** made by **D. Taylor**, seconded by **A. Constan** the Board voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

