



Town of Boxford
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

September 04, 2019

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

Absent: Hans Jeppesen

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by R. Fahrner

Announcements: Annual Flu clinic with CVS on September 11, 2019 at Town Hall 10:30-12:00 and at the Council on Aging 12:30-2:30.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the August 19, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by D. Taylor to accept minutes, **seconded** by H. Forand. Approved unanimously.

7 Elm Street Variance

Vaclav Talacko and Deborah Colbert from Hancock Engineering were present to request variances for 7 Elm street Boxford.

The Board of Health voted at their meeting on September 4, 2019 to grant the following requested variances to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 7 Elm Street, dated 8/12/19 and the revised plan submitted to this office on 9/11/19.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 2-94, Section 3D. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a well used as a potable water supply. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 122 feet from Council on Aging well, 130 feet from the Fire Department well and 130 feet from the well serving 7 Elm Street.

310CMR 15,405(1)(a) Reduction in the setback from ten feet required down to five feet from the property line

310CMR 15.405(1)(h) Reduction of separation to groundwater from five (5) feet which is required down to three (3) feet

The Board granted these variances based on:

- The system as 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 variances, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously** with the exception of **D. Taylor** who abstained from the vote.

Mosquito Update

Scott Novak President of the Boxford Athletic Association commented on the mosquito notification protocol with reference to the BAA being notified prior to field closures. There was also a request to include Stiles Pond Beach to the field closure list. **R. Fahrner** explained the current protocol of mosquito notification, spraying, and field closures. **A. Constan** stated that the public should be aware that for the Triathlon and arriving before dawn to use personal protection. **D. Taylor** recommended that the BAA should be given a current list of fields on the spray list each year. **R. Fahrner** stated that the mosquito protocol will be reviewed periodically prior to the beginning of the mosquito season.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Regulation Discussion

R. Fahrner read aloud for the record a summarization of the Health Board's timeline regarding the drafting of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant Regulation along with some personal comments.

D. Taylor commented that a large system is basically secondary treatment, effluent monitoring, and monitoring wells and explained the importance of each process. **D. Taylor** stated that the Health Board is protecting the Town, the groundwater, and two-acre zoning.

The Board agreed upon the last changes and completed the draft of the Regulation.

D. Taylor motioned to accept the Small Package Waste Water Treatment Plant Regulation Article Four of the Town Code, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Little Red School House-Asbestos

R. Fahrner updated that the abatements for the Recycling Center dumpster and the School house have been completed. However, there are still sealed orders for both and there needs to be a motion to release the authority to the Selectmen's office. **D. Taylor motioned** to unseal the order of the container at the Recycling Center and to unseal the order of Little Red School House, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

R. Fahrner gave a note of thanks to everyone involved in the completion of the clean up before the start of the school year.

Director's Update- K. Longo

The State is at 392 Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus positive mosquitos and 62 West Nile Virus positive mosquitos. Boxford is at moderate risk level which is indicated one week after mosquito tests positive. Topsfield voluntarily closed their fields per the Parks and Recreation Department.

A. Constan stated that the NEMMC should have more trapping stations in town. **R. Fahrner** stated that it is not made known to the public the locations of the traps so as not to be disturbed but they are being monitored.

Andrews Farm Water

Nothing new to report.

Bills: Bills were signed

Adjourn 9:00pm

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 Kwiatak
Minutes Secretary

