



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

July 31, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by R. Fahrner

68 Middleton Road Variance

The Board of Health voted at their meeting on July 31, 2019 to grant the following requested variances to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 68 Middleton Road, dated July 12, 2019 and submitted to this office on July 18, 2019.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9B. To allow the septic system to be installed less than 100' from a wetland. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 50 feet from a wetland.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9D. 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 voted to allow the leaching facility to be located 100 feet from owners well and 130 feet from an abutting well.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9E. 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 wetland resource area. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 50 feet from a wetland.

310CMR15.102(2) The Board voted to allow one deep hole in the primary area of the leaching facility.

310CMR15.242(1)(a) The Board allowed a 360 square foot leach area with the use of a Waterloo Biofilter. This is a 46% reduction under a certification for remedial use with a deed restriction filed with the Registry of Deeds.

A. Constan to approve the requested variances, **seconded** by **D. Taylor** Approved **unanimously**.

Small Package Waste Water Treatment Plant Proposed Regulation Discussion

The Board continued their discussion for the final stages of the large septic system regulation with their responses to the comments submitted in writing. **D. Taylor** entered into the record two sets of comments that were discussed at the joint meeting held with the Board of Selectmen on July 10, 2019. The comments submitted by Selectman Costello were read aloud and answered by **D. Taylor**. The second document of comments by Mr. Smolak and Mr. Cameron were also addressed by **D. Taylor**. It was also stated to the Board that all of the public comments from the residents were positive. Mr. Smolak commented on the flow of the club house, the proposed permitting, what the hydro geo evaluation might entail and the fees. Barbara Jessel commented safe water, the need for senior housing and mentioned the need for a case study. Charles Costello stated the importance of an engineer review on the regulation. **R. Fahrner** stated that the regulation was written purposely vague to avoid such specifics by an engineer and that the Board of Health can review by each individual case. Barbara Jessel mentioned the importance of peer review. **R. Fahrner** responded that the regulation was based off of a heavily peer reviewed State regulation and was sent to the Morin-Cameron Group and town stakeholders for input.

D. Taylor motioned to close the discussion to the public, **seconded** by **H. Jeppesen**. Approved **unanimously**.

The Board continued their discussion on the draft Regulation covering all the Additional Requirements: Permitting, System Design and Components, Hydrogeological Evaluation, Distances, Preliminary plan, Subsurface Leaching Facilities, Effluent Testing, System Inspection, and Discharging. The Board discussed the comments and agreed on changes. **R. Fahrner** stated that the Board has addressed the major concerns with an attorney and an engineering group.

A. Constan motioned that the Small Package Waste Water Treatment Plant draft regulation does not require an external peer review, **seconded** by **H. Jeppesen**. Approved **unanimously**.

Directors Update and Other Business

K. Longo stated that the abatement at the Recycling Center was completed and it will be tested tomorrow. Laurie Rowan would like to know when they can enter the Little Red School House. The Abatement is in with the bills to be signed.

Chris Olbrot, the Director of the Department of Public Works needs to clear an irrigation line that is in the road at the land fill. **D. Taylor** motioned to approve the proposed irrigation line repair, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Ross Povenmire, the Director of Conservation provided to the Board a sketch of a proposed pedestrian trail and foot bridge to a picnic bench near the police station.

D. Taylor motioned that the Board will support the request on the condition that any significant disturbance of the soils over one foot in depth will need to be brought back to the Board, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Little Red School House Asbestos

K. Longo stated that the Little Red School House File and the Comprehensive Emergency Plan was sent to Selectman Jessel. **R. Fahrner** stated that when there is hazmat exposure there needs to be a clear understanding of the hazardous material to assess the risk of human safety and to meet Mass DEP and Federal requirements. **D. Taylor** said that the report must include what exactly happened and make sure it does not happen again. **R. Fahrner** would like to see in the report the available Town hazmat resources.

Recycling Center Security

D. Taylor questioned to the Board on how to get better security. The Board discussed the possibility of securing the area with a chain-link fence.

Andrews Farm Water

_Nothing new to report.

Minutes, Announcements, and Bills

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the May 01, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by **A. Constan** to accept minutes as amended, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved unanimously.

Minutes were reviewed from the June 12, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to accept minutes, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved unanimously.

Bills: Bills were signed

Adjourn 10:20pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

