



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

December 18, 2019

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

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

Announcements: **D. Taylor** announced that after his wife's illness that she received a phone call and a letter from the VNA.

Director's Update

The Board approved **K. Longo's** request for a sharps kiosk to be placed behind Town Hall next to the electric car charging station.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the November 25, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by **H. Jeppesen** to accept minutes, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved unanimously.

Bills: Bills were signed.

Announcements (cont.): **R. Fahrner** stated to the Board that the Town is running out of trash stickers and the concern over buying too few or too many before Town meeting. The question was, should there be a "forever trash sticker?" The Board determined that even with the price going up, the old stickers can still be used and that the Finance Committee can decide how many should be purchased.

K. Longo passed out the new budget with only one change for the Board to view. She explained that the DEP might be enforcing a new test that Duane Himes from Weston & Sampson. **D. Taylor** explained that the budget would increase by 4.6% which means the Finance committee will want it justified. It will either be put in the budget and if not used, it will be taken out or if it is needed there will be a Finance transfer. The Board decided to leave it up to Finance. A **motion** was made by **D. Taylor** to send in the budget as written, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Asbestos Report and any action

K. Longo gave the Board a copy of the report that she had drafted on the asbestos incident. **D. Taylor** asked when the Town Administrator might finish his investigation. **D. Taylor** stated that it has been since August and it is a little disturbing since it is now December and it is still not completed. **A. Constan** suggested to **K. Longo** to add dates to her report. **D. Taylor** stated that the people exposed are more interested in the incident being addressed so not to happen again. **D. Taylor** **motioned** that the Chair contact the Board of Selectmen, send them a copy of the revised report and ask when Mr. Benson's report will be completed and what actions are going to be taken, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Waste Management Audit

The monthly detailed recycling paperwork that Waste Management sends in with the bill was passed around to the Board members. **D. Taylor** stated that it is very important that the members attend an audit and he explained the procedure to the Board as he understood it. **D. Taylor** asked **K. Longo** to request a list of materials from Waste Management that are considered contaminants and when they attend the audit to bring the page in the contract that shows what recyclables they accept. **K. Longo** to invite Karen Sheridan to the audit.

Landfill Issue/Plan on clean-up

D. Taylor explained to the Board that there is a part of the landfill that is becoming overgrown with weeds and the people leasing the land for the solar field have said they are not responsible for the upkeep of that area. **D. Taylor** stated that the area will be cleaned up in the spring by either the lease holder or the Town of Boxford and that he will send a letter to the DEP letting them know it will be done.

Mosquito Management Plan Update

The Board agreed that the Town's protocol needs to be updated. **K. Longo** stated specifically aligning with Middleton and Topsfield regarding Masconomet. **H. Forand** stated that if any of the Tri-Towns have a positive then Masconomet will be barrier sprayed. **D. Taylor** suggested that **K. Longo** add changes to the current protocol marked in red and send it to the Board members. **A. Constan** suggested barrier spraying Masconomet every two weeks while school is in session to avoid cancelling sporting events. The Board agreed to have the protocol updated by the end of the first quarter.

Update of Town Code: Septic Systems

D. Taylor created a draft of the septic system Town code with some updated changes to be discussed amongst the Board. **D. Taylor** read aloud the changes that are drafted in red ink. The Board discussed and agreed on the changes. Their discussion included setbacks, groundwater, wetlands, cesspools, alternative systems, and a definition of great ponds. **D. Taylor** asked the Board to read it over and make discussion points. It then could be reviewed at a future meeting.

Director's Update (cont.)

K. Longo said that the Toll Brother's would like to be at the January Board meeting to give a presentation. **D. Taylor** said that prior to a possible peer review and a decision, the Board wants the plans at least ten days in advance. **A. Constan** asked if Chuck Johnson would be able to review the plans and attend the meeting. **D. Taylor motioned** to contact Chuck Johnson to see if he would be willing to be an outside reviewer of the Price property plans, **seconded by A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Andrews Farm Water

Nothing new to report.

Board Reconfiguration

H. Forand motioned for **D. Taylor** to be acting chair until the next May election, **seconded by A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Adjourn 8:15pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatak
Minutes Secretary

