



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

October 22, 2019

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

Absent: Hans Jeppesen

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by R. Fahrner

Announcements: Household Hazardous Waste Day October 26, 2019 at Masconomet
Highschool from 9:00-1:00 or until funds run out.

Director's Update

H. Forand and **K. Longo** attended the NEMMC meeting. **H. Forand** spoke of the information that she acquired at the meeting about mosquito species, the transporting of viruses, and the process of spraying. **H. Forand** commented that the attendees had concerns about being notified on Fridays regarding field closures. **D. Taylor** stated that the Best Management Practice Plan should be looked at and updated prior to next season. **H. Forand** expressed resident's concerns on social media about Halloween. She stated that mosquitos do not fly when the temperature drops below 50 degrees and that the mosquitos are gone after two consecutive days below freezing temperatures.

9 Cedar Street Variance

Mr. Tom Patch was present representing H.L Graham requesting a variance for 9 Cedar Street. The Board of Health voted at their meeting on October 22, 2019 to grant the following requested variance to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 9 Cedar Street, dated 8/26/19 and submitted to this office on 9/16/19

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 130 feet from the well serving the property.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on:

- Verify abutting well at 7 Cedar is 150 feet from leaching facility
- 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 variance, **seconded** by **H. Forand** Approved **unanimously**.

77 Main Street

Mr. Gerald McDonald was present requesting a variance for 77 Main Street.

D. Taylor motioned to continue the variance for an approved DEP alternative system for Nitrogen reduction or have a drilled well 150 feet from the Soil Absorption System, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the September 04, 2019 meeting. **Motion** by **A. Constan** to accept minutes as amended, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously**.

Bills were signed.

Town Code Chapter 201: Updating

D. Taylor asked the Board if they would be receptive to making some changes to Chapter 201 such as current policies being made a part of the regulations. **D. Taylor** to draft some changes for the next meeting.

Director's Update continued

K. Longo stated that there were two Flu clinics in one day. Thirty-eight vaccines were given at Town Hall and Fifty-one at the Council on Aging.

Private Waste Hauler Regulation

D. Taylor stated that he was viewing the State private hauler regulations which covers recycling and trash. **D. Taylor** stated that the Town of Boxford in the past had a private trash haulers license. **D. Taylor** stated that if the Board would be interested in a regulation that could draft a regulation so that if a trash hauler wants to operate in Boxford, they would have to be permitted through the Board of Health. **R. Fahrner** commented on enforcement of such regulation and suggested making part of the permitting process include an auditing procedure.

Utility Poles (enforcement)

D. Taylor informed the Board on the outcome of the prior Email he had sent about a new utility pole being placed. It was the result of a car accident that took out the electricity on an entire street which was considered emergency repair. **D. Taylor** stated that Board hopefully has covered new pole placement through the Selectmen. **D. Taylor** suggested that the Board should think of ways to make it known that all vendors need to report to the Board of Health for placing utility poles.

Mosquito Update Protocol Discussion

To be discussed at a future meeting

Little Red Schoolhouse

R. Fahrner stated for the record that the little red schoolhouse has been unsealed. **D. Taylor** asked **K. Longo** for the status of the report from the asbestos incident. **R. Fahrner** stated that the report date was set for September which did not happen. **D. Taylor** stated once the Board receives the report they can work on a protocol.

Andrews Farm Water

Nothing new to report.

Adjourn 8:05pm

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

