



Approved as ammended 6/14/23

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

May 03, 2023

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

Absent: Heather Forand, Rhonda Hodge

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by D. Taylor

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the April 05, 2023 meeting. **Motion** by A. Constan to accept minutes, **seconded** by R. Fahrner. Approved **unanimously**.

Bills: Bills were signed

34 Woodcrest Variance

Jim Scanlan from Scanlan Engineering was present to request variances for 34 Woodcrest Road. 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 of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 102 feet from the well serving the property and 122 feet from the 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 110 feet from the wetland resource area.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on the system as designed is an improvement and the best solution given the physical restrictions to the property. A **motion** to approve the variances was made by R. Fahrner. **Seconded** by A. Constan. Approved **unanimously**.

Well Emergency 35 King Richard Drive

The residence is currently having water trucked in because they do not have water. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to approve the proposed well area conditional upon a re-examination of potentially using the old well by refurbishing it **seconded** by **A. Constan** Approved unanimously.

Beaver Permit Request

K. Longo showed the Board a video and a map of the location the resident that is being affected by the beaver dam. The trapper stated in an email that normal flow has stopped.

D. Taylor suggested a beaver deceiver to prevent the beavers from getting to the spillway. **K. Longo** will contact Conservation for an opinion. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** for a conditional approval for a beaver trapping permit based upon recommendation from the Conservation Agent that it is the best solution if a beaver deceiver would not solve the problem. **Seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously**.

Trash/Recycling Update

A presentation will be given at town meeting for the new automated trash collection. **D. Taylor** mentioned that there was talk on offering a second recycling cart but that would require charging residents. **D. Taylor** also stated that even if there is an in-law apartment that the residence would only receive the 2 carts and if another one is needed it would have to be purchased. If a resident needs to put out an extra big the sticker price will be \$6.00. **D. Taylor** stated that there is a limit on recycling tonnage and if it cannot be sold at market prices the town pays for recycling. The mailer is to go out soon and must be returned by the end of May. **A. Constan** mentioned the Stiles Pond unique trash pickup situation and that Waste Management and that their collection will not change. **Post meeting update:** Health Board met prior to Town meeting on May 9, 2023 to discuss revision to Board agreements on trash contract. The Board voted unanimously to extend the current Waste Management contract for 1 year and propose sticker price to be set at \$4.00 each. This sticker price was approved at Town Meeting.

Stiles Pond Advisory Committee

D. Taylor stated that he would be willing to stay on the committee and that the new health board chair would need to inform the town clerk in order for him to be sworn in.

D. Taylor said after the pond studies that the regulatory setback for septic systems were changed to 300 feet from Stiles, Baldpate, and Hovey's Pond. The Health Department was asked to measure the distances of the septic systems to the pond from the plans that they might have in the office.

Director's Report

K. Longo told the board that Ted Merchant from the Willows project is working with National Grid on getting electricity and did the research for them on the well locations for the pole placements but there still has not been any pole hearings.

K. Longo asked the board opinions on colors for the new trash stickers. The board decided on yellow.

K. Longo asked D. Taylor for a drafted order letter from the board with regards to the failed septic system at the West Village Provisions. Letters have been sent in the past with no response.

K. Longo informed the board that Julia Lobel the Tri-Town nurse now has office hours from 9-2:00 on Thursdays for wellness checks at the new Council on Aging.

K. Longo mentioned to the board about ordering new stickers, a buyback program, and what department will handle the money.

Looking Forward

D. Taylor told the board that he would make himself available to the next chair for anything they might need. He gave a list of things he has been working on which he stated might make the transition easier for the board. R. Fahrner mentioned the Willows project as one of the pending issues which will be the model for other projects. The board discussed the list including National Grid for pole placements and also landfill issues.

Adjourn 9:00pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

