



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

**August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Present:** Richard Fahrner, Nick Tilson, Mark Mitsch  
Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek, Heather Forand  
**Absent:** Alex Constan

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Richard Fahrner**

**Announcements:**

**Bills:** Bills were signed.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed from the **July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023** meeting. **Motion** by **Mark Mitsch** to accept minutes as amended, **seconded** by **Heather Forand**. Approved unanimously.

**8 Roberts Road Variance**

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9 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 126 feet from the well serving the property.

Boxford Board of HEALTH Regulation 201-9 Section 3E. 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 54.7 feet from the wetland serving the property.

The Board granted this variance based on the system as designed is an improvement over the existing system given the physical restrictions of the property.

**M. Mitsch motioned** to approve the requested variances, **seconded** by **H. Forand** Approved **unanimously**.

### **8 Kind Richard Variance**

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9 Section 3E. 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 53 feet from the wetland serving the property.

The Board granted this variance based on the system as designed is an improvement over the existing system given the physical restrictions of the property.

**M. Mitsch motioned** to approve the requested variances, **seconded** by **H. Forand** Approved **unanimously**.

### **157 Spofford Road Variance**

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9, Section 3E. 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 117 feet from the wetland resource on the property.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9, Section 3E. 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. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 132 feet from the well on the property.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on: The system as designed is an improvement over the existing system given the physical restrictions of the property.

**M. Mitsch motioned** to approve the requested variances, **seconded** by **H. Forand** Approved **unanimously**.

### **Director's Update**

Topsfield and Middleton sprayed barriers at their schools after confirmed West Nile Virus in Haverhill and Middleton.

Board voted that when Kristin leaves, online trash sticker purchasing for the Board of Health will be suspended until the replacement is selected. The stickers can be purchased at Boxford Community Kitchen, Nasons, Library and West Provision. A posting on the town website will be made.

The Lockwood Lane bridge closure has been a huge inconvenience. **H. Forand** was told it would take couple more months and would like to know what's taking so long. People are calling asking questions. **K. Longo** will find out details and meet update **H. Forand**.

The Boxford Health Department completed a community naloxone program application and got approved. We will be getting bags of Narcan to distribute as well as educational materials. **K. Longo** will be doing a training with the health Nurse. Chief Riter was 100% on board with this program. No cost to the town.

At Boxford Council on Aging community center - Conley's is offering a pneumonia and shingles 2 Flu clinic Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM and Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4PM. Open to all. BOH will reach out to the homebound residents as well as post on the Town website.

The Waste Stream Task Force has been meeting and the plan is to bring a request for proposal (RFP) to the Board of Health by December. RFP will be sent out to local trash haulers and a decision will need to be made by June. The goal is to improve on logistics from the earlier contract with Waste Management. There is a pole on the town website and a survey has been sent out as well. Brendan and Alex have been attending a North East Mass trash consortium and they have gotten useful information such as cost comparisons for hauling and reimbursement rates for recycling.

Lakes and Ponds committee. Focus has been around Stiles Pond. All samples came back below action level. Mark will work on joining the committee.

James Tagert is interested in joining the Board of Health. **R. Fahrner** is going to try to schedule a meeting before the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss.

#### **Any new business arising in the past 48 hours**

- **Draft Condominium Documents and Wastewater O&M**

Board of Health needs to approve final SOP for operation of waste water treatment plant, water supply, the pool and final inspection. There were concerns about where the water would come from to fill the pool as well as if they needed to drain the pool, where the water would

go. Waiting on the SOP that would cover the operations of the pool. They are currently waiting on National Grid and have no power yet.

**Adjourn 8:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Yoonjin Lee*