



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

March 25, 2014

7:30 PM

Present: Richard Fahrner, Richard Taylor, Louise Kress, Malcolm Kinnaird, Kendell Longo

Absent: Alexander Constan

Other Attendees: Molly Sorensen, Joe Hill, Greg Netland, Jim Scanlan, Kevin and Ellen Kontos

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Richard Fahrner

Announcements, Minutes Review, and Bill Review:

- Shred day scheduled for April 26, 2014 (Earth Day) allowing one box of paper shredding per household at Town Hall.
- **Review minutes from February 12, 2014 Meeting**
Motion to accept, as amended, by **Kress**, seconded by **Kinnaird**, approved **unanimously**.
- Bills reviewed and signed - **Taylor** requests more information on VNA report
- Update on mosquito reports. About 320 letters sent out to residents. Received 165 certified mail from households. As well as conservation lands.

7: 47 P.M. - 32 Great Pond Continuance - Jim Scanlan

- Jim Scanlan of Scanlan Engineering represented homeowner Kevin Kontos and provided information to the Board regarding the upgrade of sanitary disposal system. This included the following specific variance requests:
 - Setback of 105' between SAS and wetland, where 150' is required
 - Setback of 127' to great pond where 300' is required - with the use of the Waterloo biofilter to overcome requirement
- Scanlan mentions research on PhosRID systems having spoken to Lombardo Associates who has designed 4 systems in Massachusetts and 1 in Boxford, has been piloting for 10 years. The site in town didn't have any testing history.
- Other sites on great ponds that have alternative technology, one of which is the Waterloo biofilter, this is the proposed system as it has general approval and is the owner's choice of technology.

Motion by **Fahrner**, seconded by **Kress**, the board voted **unanimously** to **grant** variance to 32 Great Pond Dr. to allow the SAS to be placed not less than 105' from wetland where 150' is required and to allow a septic system to be within 300' of a great pond and no less than 125' to wetlands bordering pond. Granted on the condition that a nitrogen-reducing

alternative technology is included in the system design, and that the system will be operated and maintained in compliance with the general use approval of the DEP and final wetlands delineation by Conservation Commission. Variance is granted based that the designed system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property.

8:00 P.M. – Sustainability Committee – Solar Array at Landfill – Greg Netland

- Mr. Netland presented information on the overview of the solar array project. Has been ongoing for about a year and have completed the informational work and have gotten to RFP. Gave board the project plan overview. Being able to use landfill for something positive and supported by DEP. Several other projects in the works in other towns.
- Showed board potential revenue for town and the land lease option.
- Board is concerned about poles and drilling holes. Where plan involves using existing poles near DPW building and the substation would go near recycling center.
- **Taylor** brings up points on costs and wants to make sure that developer takes care of DEP regulation costs.
- Engineering plans are now available to contractors.
- Board stresses that communication needs to be made between developer/contractor and BOH to make sure no digging will be done in landfill area.
- Suggestion to find a consultant with experience of the characteristics in the Northeast Massachusetts region.
- Board will review the warrant articles once decided at Selectmen's meeting and voted on

8:40 P.M. – Boxford Housing Partnership – Senior Housing Proposal – Joe Hill

- Mr. Hill gave status update on development of Senior Housing Proposal
- Housing Partnership recognized need for accessible affordable senior housing in town. Came up with some variations of a plan and noted that there would be no cost to town. Construction would be supported by sales of condos and roads funded by CPA account.
- Going to town meeting with three warrant articles – requesting that bylaw for elderly housing district minimum acreage goes from 24 to 12. Declare property to be elderly housing district and then CPA can designate as community housing.
- Planning board and selectman in support of zoning changes.
- Board reviewed septic plans
- After town approval, the housing partnership will open RFP to get bidders to build, select bidder, and then make formal presentations to boards.

9:00 P.M. – NEMMC – Discussion of Services and Costs

- Review hours and the difference between what town is paying for and what they are receiving.
- **Fahrner** contacted NEMMC and asked them to send budget. Discussion of payroll and percentage of labor.

- Of the total hours for the year and contracted hours, Boxford makes up roughly 4.5% of that budget and the numbers do add up, yet Boxford paid for 1225 and only got 137 hours.
- Discussion on how charges are allocated and the questions to be prepared for NEMMC ahead of time for the meeting **Fahrner** is trying to set up with NEMMC. Questions about different pesticides, larviciding that might be more effective.

9:35 P.M. – Other Business

- MassDOT update. They did not appeal. The DEP would have to go back to court before proposing new salt shed. There is a permanent injunction that salt cannot be stored on that site.
- **Fahrner** to finalize director of public health review.
- Discussion on the education reimbursement, **Fahrner** to meet with Fincom requesting language change in the contract to achieve reimbursement for past student loans. It is possible this might require a special town meeting warrant if it is from a previous fiscal year.
- Annual report review
On a motion made by **Kress**, seconded by **Kinnaird**, the board voted **unanimously** to **accept** the annual report review as amended.

9:46 P.M. – Adjourn

- The Board agreed to meet again on April 9, 2014 and with no further business, on a motion made by **Kinnaird**, seconded by **Kress**, the BOH voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Sorensen
Minutes Secretary