



# Town of Boxford

7A Spofford Road  
Boxford, Massachusetts  
01921  
Board of Health

Board of Health Meeting  
April 23, 2014

Members Present; Rick Fahrner, Louise Kress, Alex Constan, Richard Taylor, Kendell Longo

Chairman Rick Fahrner opened up the meeting at 7:35 with announcements and minutes from March 25, 2014 and April 9, 2014 were reviewed.

Louise motioned to approve the March 25, 2014 minutes as written, Alex seconded that motion. All in favor, all ayes.

Louise motioned to approve the April 9, 2014 as amended, Alex seconded that motion.

This meeting was to have an informational meeting with the sponsors of Article 25 which would remove the Town of Boxford from the NEMMC district and the Board of Health.

Natasha Grigg (petitioner) spoke to the Board of Health and expressed that she feels that the Board of Health are unwilling to hear from petitioners about a compromise regarding the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and the work that they are doing for the Town of Boxford. The petitioners concerns are as follows:

1. Request that Boxford follows a similar program to Mass Audubon's menu for the district with such alternatives such as cleaning out detention ponds and trenches to reduce the life of the larvae and increase in frequency that the mosquitos are being tested
2. The accuracy of the GPS system that NEMMC is using during a road side spraying and in 2012 when residents could opt out, bees still died during that time period.
3. Questioning the NEMMC budget audit
4. Accuracy of the opt out policy with the certified mailing and the census opting out

Board of Health points to the petitioners;

1. Boxford Best Management Practices are located on our town website
2. Surveillance is important and will not happen unless Boxford is in the NEMMC district
3. The BOH will request more monitoring if possible however they (NEMMC) have limited resources
4. Most services that NEMMC offers such as road side spraying and spraying residents property by request are not utilized by Boxford
5. The BOH would like to request before and after studies
6. The Board asked petitioners to Article 25 if their concern is that Boxford is getting their monies worth or do they want to opt out of the NEMMC

Chairman Rick Fahrner will be composing questions to the NEMMC as a follow up to this meeting.

Other Business;

The Board voted for Richard Taylor to be the Board of Health representative for the sustainability committee.

Louise Kress motioned to adjourn at 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kendell Longo, CEHT,SE  
Health Agent