



## Town of Boxford

### Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

September 22, 2014 3:00 PM

**Present:** Rick Fahrner, Louise Kress, Dick Taylor, Kendell Longo

**Other Attendees:** Molly Sorensen, Malcolm Haith, Carol Hubbard, Dan Gallagher, Bernie Creeden, Kevin Lyons, Marty Jessel

#### Emergency Meeting called to order at 3:03 P.M. by Richard Fahrner

- Meeting called to address the recent EEE positive mosquito pool finding in Topsfield.
- Reminder to wear protective clothing during dawn and dusk during mosquito season.
- The finding was of a bird biting mosquito variety at a field in Topsfield.
- The question before the board is whether to open the ball fields without spraying. The Boxford response plan indicates to close fields in event of a positive finding in a neighboring or adjacent town. Fields are closed until spraying or threat is cleared.
- To achieve a decision, the board discussed that the finding was of a bird biting mosquito, there have been two frosts recently, and the mosquito counts are down. Spraying cannot occur in temperatures under 55° F.
- On a **motion**, made by **Taylor**, seconded by **Kress**, the board voted **unanimously** to reopen the playing fields.
- For the upcoming event at the school, there will be a telephone notification to remind residents to wear protective clothing and mosquito repellent.
- Protocol to be looked at during Wednesday's board meeting.

#### 3:12 P.M. – Adjourn

- On a motion made by **Kress**, seconded by **Taylor**, the Board of Health voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Sorensen  
Minutes Secretary