



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

**August 24, 2016**

**Present:** Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Heather Forand  
Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek  
**Absent:** Hans Jeppesen, Alex Constan

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Richard Taylor**

**Minutes, Announcements, and Bills**

Announcements made by **D. Taylor**. **R Fahrner** commented that the town is currently at a low risk for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and the West Nile Virus.

Minutes were reviewed from the July 25, 2016 meeting. **Motion** by **H. Forand** to accept minutes, seconded by **R. Fahrner** approved **unanimously**.

Bills were signed

**19 Stonecleave Road**

Will Schkuta from The Morin-Cameron Group was present requesting a variance. Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201 section 9(B) Minimum setback distance between leaching facility and wetland resource area are to be no less than 100 feet.

Specifically the Board voted to allow the leaching facility to be no less than 52 feet from a wetland resource area.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201 Section 9(E) Minimum setback distance between leaching facility and wetland resource area are to be no less than 150 feet with a perc rate of five minutes or less. Specifically the Board voted to allow the leaching facility to be no less than 52 feet from a wetland resource area.

310CMR 15.405(1) (i) Alternative from a percolation test to a sieve analysis.

The Board granted these variances based on;

- Conservation Agent agreeing with the wetland delineation shown on the plan
- A Waterloo pretreatment along with a bottomless sand filter to be installed as remedial use
- The system as designed is an improvement over the existing system and is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property.

**R. Fahrner motioned** to approve the requested variances, seconded by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously**.

### **Water Quality Test Program**

**D. Taylor** announced the last water quality test program was done in 2010. **K. Longo** stated it was done in the month of December. This testing should be done in October which is the best time for the water tables and that the water testing company Nashoba Analytical is offering the same prices. **D. Taylor** talked about the specifics of the testing and explained the process for the analysis. **D. Taylor** also mentioned that residents have been talking about Radon testing. He recommended purchasing a self-testing kit because there is not a monetary discount from testing companies.

**Action item- R.Taylor** will work on the details for the water quality testing program to be presented at the next meeting.

### **Easement Solar Project**

**D. Taylor** stated that the Board went on the solar project site walk. All the poles are fine except pole 2795-10. There is concern that it could potentially penetrate the buried tires.

**D. Taylor** said that they could propose that the pole be moved. A bore test will be done to determine what will be found to prevent digging a hole. The Department of Environmental Protection made it clear as to not disturb any solid waste underground and also define the limits of all solid waste. The Board of Health will follow up with the project when notification is received.

### **CDM Smith-Salt Water Study**

**K. Longo** mentioned that **A. Constan** inquired about the study in a past meeting. **K. Longo** said the Town never received the results.

**Action item-** **K. Longo** will contact the Town Administrator Alan Benson with regards to the results of the study.

### **Stiles Pond Beaver Issue**

**D. Taylor** stated that the Board members received the letter from The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and that the Board made a decision at their past meeting that there was not much that needed to be done with the beavers. **D. Taylor** said if The Boxford Athletic Association is concerned about beavers in Stiles Pond and if they need money for trapping during such season they could have a warrant article for money for a trapper. **D. Taylor** stated if it becomes a reoccurring event it could possibly be taken out of the Health Board's budget however it does not appear to be an issue. **D. Taylor** asked the Board's opinion with regards to possible signage on beavers at the pond. **R. Fahrner** stated education is helpful to the public but also it can heighten emotion and could make it appear as a problem.

**H.Forand** mentioned that she is at Stiles Pond often and doesn't feel signs would make a difference. She said the lifeguards are aware of the beavers and may not be happy about it but most people do not seem to be overly concerned about the issue.

**H. Forand** stated that the visible dam is far from the beach and that if a sign were to be posted it should be near the dam not near the beach. **R. Fahrner** suggested possible signage mentioning that the pond is a wildlife area. **D. Taylor** also mentioned that there has not been a record of a rabid beaver since 1992 when the State started to keep records. **R. Fahrner** mentioned the other concern was Giardia. **D. Taylor** stated that there was a claim that the only reason there is Giardia in the pond is because of the beavers. **D. Taylor** stated this to be false. All animals carry Giardia. **R. Fahrner** suggested the letter from The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to be posted on The Boxford website.

**Adjourn 8:30pm**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek  
Minutes Secretary













































































































