

Town of Boxford Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

October 24, 2016

Present: Hans Jeppesen, Richard Taylor, Rick Fahrner, Heather Forand,

Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

Absent: Alex Constan

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Hans Jeppesen

Minutes, Announcements, and Bills

Announcements:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day November 12, 2016 9:00am located at The Masconomet Regional High School.

R. Fahrner mentioned if the Town's mosquito season has been closed out. **K. Longo** stated that the testing has ended. **R. Fahrner** stated that they have a work list that the Town should follow up on. **D. Taylor** stated that the Board should receive a report on services that were provided.

Action item: K. Longo will follow up with the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control to get a report on the services that were provided to the Town.

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Minutes were reviewed from the September 26, 2016 meeting. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to accept minutes as amended, seconded by **R.Fahrner** approved **unanimously**.

Bills:

Bills were signed.

16 Powder House Lane

Dan Johnson from Domestic Septic Design was present requesting a variance. Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9D. 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 111 feet from the well serving the property.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-94E. 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 110 feet from the wetland resource area.

The Board granted a variance conditionally based on:

Conservation Agent agreeing with the wetland delineation shown on the plan and the system as designed 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.**

54 Sunrise Rd

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9D. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate less than (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 120 feet from the well serving the property and 113 feet from the abutting well.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-94E. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than (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 area.

The Board granted this variance conditionally based on:

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 DEP.

Conservation Agent agreeing with the wetland delineation shown on the plan and the system as designed is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property.

Solar Panel Update

D. Taylor told the Board that they were waiting for a plan on how the excavators were going to dig to locate the cap. The excavators were also supposed to file a specific form with the Department of Environmental Protection notifying them of a start date. **D. Taylor** he is waiting on an email update. **D. Taylor** stated the pole placement is still pending but no matter where they begin to dig, they must follow the Board's orders because they are on the landfill proper. **D. Taylor** stated that as soon as they have a plan to dig, he and **K. Longo** will be there at the

D. Taylor stated that as soon as they have a plan to dig, he and **K. Longo** will be there at the site.

Tri- Town Position Statement

K. Longo stated that the Tri-Town Council requested that their position statement be put on the Town's website. **K. Longo** mentioned that because it was a position statement, she wanted to bring the information to the Board in order for that decision to be made. **D. Taylor** stated that they are a private organization. **D. Taylor** said he does not believe they could put the information on the Town's site. He said in his opinion, the Tri-Town Council's position on the topic of marijuana contain scare statements to get people to vote against it.

D. Taylor made a **motion** to not put the Tri-Town Council position statement on marijuana on the Town's website, seconded by **R. Fahrner.** Approved **unanimously.**

Clean Harbors Contract

K. Longo stated that the Clean Harbors contract for the Household Hazardous Waste Day if approved for renewal needs to be signed by the Board. The contract is for \$5500.00 which is part of the department's budget is a third of the total cost. The contract is shared with the Towns of Middleton and Topsfield.

D. Taylor made a **motion** to accept the Clean Harbors contract, seconded by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously**.

Andrews Farm Road Water

D. Taylor stated that the Town has received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection. Andrews Farm Road residents are all connected to Topsfield's water supply and the connections have been winterized. It is not a permanent solution because the town of Topsfield has not agreed to supply water beyond winter. The Town of Boxford's Board of Selectmen have not given any head of position after the winter. **R. Fahrner** asked if Town Counsel has weighed in on the issue. **D. Taylor** stated that the one organization that can put pressure on Topsfield and Boxford is the Department of Environmental Protection water supply.

The other option would be that the residents of Andrews Farm will have to pay for and maintain their own water company. **D. Taylor** stated that the only thing that the Board of Health can do is write a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection to lend support.

Adjourn 8:30pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary