



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

April 24, 2017

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

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

Minutes, Announcements, and Bills

Large Metal Item Pick up Day will be held on May 22 and 23, 2017

Minutes were reviewed from the March 27, 2017 meeting. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to accept minutes, seconded by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously**.

Bills were signed.

Nason Dump

D. Taylor stated there was no asbestos found at the site which is good because a parking lot needs to be constructed.

DPW Building Proposal

D. Taylor stated that the Town wants to build a new DPW on Chadwick field 3 which was known as a dumping area for what is known as clean fill which was fine to be buried under ground and not to be disturbed. **D. Taylor** said his concern is that if they decide to build there that they are going to find something. He feels they are costs in which the Town needs to be informed.

The costs are building costs not environmental costs, which the Board knows can be much more expensive than the cost of the building. **D. Taylor** feels it has to all be taken into consideration.

Solar Panels

K. Longo stated that the poles and are up but there is no electricity. **R. Fahrner** said the meter is there but the wires are not connected.

Pipeline Support Letter Request

A letter was written by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to Governor Baker regarding the potential health concerns from fracked gas pipelines in the state. Two residents from town attended the meeting requesting support from the Board. **D. Taylor** mentioned two issues one being political that is not health related. The second issue would be is there any science information available that shows fracked gas has more carcinogens and other pollutants than gas. **D. Taylor** stated that he is not ready to support the letter until he has a chance to research and find if there are any additional dangers of fracked gas. If not then he is unwilling to support the letter because it then becomes a political issue. **D. Taylor** said he would like to discuss the issue at the next meeting to allow time for a proper search on fracked gas. **A. Constan** agreed if the letter came with references to support the issue, it would be a lot easier to interpret. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to discuss pipeline gas issue at the next meeting, seconded by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously**.

Andrews Farm Water

Nothing new to discuss by the Board.

Adjourn 8:15pm

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

