



# Tyngsborough Board of Health

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## Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2011

**Members Present:** Fred Wendt (FW), Sheila Perrault (SP) - late, Christopher Mellen (CM), Patricia Quinn

**Also Present:** Kerri C. Oun (KO) - Health Agent, Karen Steeves (KS) - Assistant Administrator, Matt Waterman (MW) - Landtech Consultant

### 6:09 Meeting Opened:

CM: Made motion to open meeting  
PQ: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Vote: Yes - 3            Opposed - 0

### 6:10 37 Scribner Road

Property has above limit gross alpha count. KS has sent certified and first class letter (dated June 23, 2011) to owner but as of today, BOH office has not received receipt from owner. FW question what power does BOH has to enforce owner to comply or making owner aware of the issue is sufficient. MW said that the Housing Code requires portable water and the BOH well regulation requires testing for all new wells. MW recommends sending an order owner to re-sample for gross alpha by certain date and if that is not done by owner, the next step is to order owner to come before the Board of Health and failure to comply may subject to court action and/or fees.

CM: Made motion to send letter to owner to re-test well for gross alpha with time line.  
SP: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Vote: Yes - 4            Opposed - 0

### 6:25 22 Althea Ave.

Property has failed Title V for septic system and high gross alpha in well. Matter had been brought to BOH before. Owner has re-tested well on 10-12-11 and found total coliform present. Test does not include gross alpha result.

CM: Made motion to send letter to owner to re-test gross alpha and a timeline for a plan to repair septic system.  
PQ: Second the motion  
Vote: Yes - 4            Opposed - 0

### 6:30 Meeting Minutes September 26, 2011

SP: Made motion to accept minutes with correction on PQ second the motion to adjourn  
CM: Second the motion  
Vote: Yes - 3            Opposed - 0    PQ was absent on the Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting

**6:31 Administrative Assistant Notes**

Maple Ridge has gathered enough signatures to go before the Town to request the Town pick up their trash and recycling. Town Administrator has asked KS to put the numbers together regarding cost to Town if Maple Ridge is added to the Municipal Trash collection. KS presented her notes to the Board for approval before giving it to the Town's Administrator.

**6:36 Reviews**

Building Permits: 156A Frost Road, 8 Old Kendall Road, 111 Sherburne Ave – Approved  
Certificate of Compliance – 4 Ducharme Lane – signed off by BOH members

**6:44 Wicasse Park**

Phil Sutherland was present on behalf of Tyngsboro Baseball. He stated that the septic system was installed in 1999 along with a food concession building. He is under the impression that the septic is in compliance. Recently, Tyngsboro Baseball has installed new bathrooms and has gotten the Building Permit to do so. The Building Permit was not brought to the Board of Health for a sign off. The bathroom is completed and now they are seeking occupancy. BOH is holding off on signing off due to red flag placed by MW. MW has concern with the system because the pipe is bent at a 90 degree which may cause back-ups. Mr. Sutherland is concerned that if the system is dug up for inspection and is damaged, who will be responsible for repairs. The D box is 3 feet deep. The organization has limited fund and is asking the Board to reconsider. FW said that if the system has been operating fine for 12 years and the system has been inspected, why would the BOH want to look at the system again. MW noted that the old inspector did sign off as a completed system and the addition of the bathroom would help mature the leaching field. He recommended that the tank is maintained and cleaned out every 2 years. CM asked for the size of the tank. MW answered that it is a 1500 gallon tank.

CM: made motion to sign off occupancy permit with the condition that the system is maintained and pumped every 2 years.

PQ: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Vote: yes – 4                      opposed - 0

**7:06 Administrative Notes: (cont.)**

Flu vaccines are expected to arrive tomorrow. The office has received notification from State that basically states that if anything happens to the flu vaccine BOH is responsible. BOH received 2<sup>nd</sup> notice that restrictions on State flu vaccines have been lifted. Now we have to order the needles for the pre-drawn syringes. KS asked SP what size needles to order. SP will get back to KS. PQ stated that she can give flu shots to homebound residents and CM volunteered to go with her. CM stated that only true home bound residents should receive home visits and this can be verified with Council on Aging for the people they deliver meal to. FW agreed. Date of flu clinic is set for November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Senior Center.

**7:40 Health Agent's Note:**

KO asked the Board if they would like to review or make changes to the bid for the contract for Hazardous Waste. CM wanted to look at contract.

**7:43 SP: Motion to adjourn**

CM: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Vote: yes – 4                      Opposed – 0

Respectfully for the Board of Health  
Kerri C. Oun  
Health Agent