

**Board of Health Records  
Lawrence, Massachusetts**

**Board of Health Minutes of Meetings**

**Rev. 11/15/17**

**Book #1: February 4, 1878 – April 30, 1895**

See attached notes.

**Book #2: February 3, 1896 – February 6, 1905**

**Book #3: February 6, 1905 – January 1, 1912**

**Book #4: January 16, 1918 – April 14, 1931**

**Book #5: January 30, 1950 – December 29, 1955**

## **Notes from Board of Health Minutes of Meetings/Book #1**

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February 4, 1878: On this date, the Lawrence, MA Board of Health held their first meeting. The Board was established as a new City Department and property was transferred to the office in City Hall. This was the first step in oversight and licensing by the Board of Health. Regulations were established regarding the governance of privy vaults, night soil removal and disposal, swill removal (see 12/23/1879), keeping of swine, death certificates, uniform collection barrels.

May 17, 1880: The establishment of written minutes with regulations printed in newspapers commenced. These included: the removal and disposal of dead animals, cesspools, water analysis, bids for collection of swill, grease, bones and night soil. Health regulations for new construction were devised.

1881: It was established that doctors must notify the Board of Health of any contagious diseases diagnosed among their patients.

January, 1882: Noted rise in cases of smallpox.