

**Town of Rowe FY2022**  
**Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2022**

Present: **Board Members:** Board Members: Herb Butzke, Interim Chair, Dan Poplawski and Christine Bailey, Health Clerk.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Herb Butzke at Rowe Town Hall

**General Business:**

- The minutes for the April 13, and April 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- All invoices were reviewed and approved.
- The department turnover report was reviewed, approved, and signed by Herb Butzke.

**Transfer Station:**

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Advertising for a new per diem was discussed to replace Brandon Sprague. Christine will put an announcement in the Goal Post and website.
- The per diem rate for Jim Lively was discussed and agreed upon to pay him the \$19 an hour.
- A rebate check for \$992.14 was received for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Scrap Metal.

**Covid Updates:** The Rowe Elementary mask mandate was discussed. This week the school has had two positive cases with four exposed. A motion was made and unanimously approved for staff and students to continue wearing masks inside the school building. The Board decided to keep the mandate in place and revisit it in another 2 weeks. The school nurse, Lydia Brisson sent an email to Herb Butzke in reference to PCR testing, intermingling between classrooms and close contact exposure. She requested to change the type of testing requirements from PCR testing to home antigen tests due to recent PCR testing site closures. A motion was made and unanimously approved for the testing requirements to change from PCR solely to PCR or a home antigen test. It was also requested to return to intermingled classrooms without a mask. The Board agreed at the time the students need abide by all protocols (masks, distancing) and they may intermingle with in the school. The Board also decided that currently the Rowe protocol states regardless of vaccination status, if an individual is in close contact outside of the school the individual must remain out of school, test on day 5 if negative return on day 6. The recommendation from DESE and the CDC is that only unvaccinated individuals remain out of school. Asymptomatic vaccinated individuals may remain in school.

**Water Testing:** Herb Butzke read the Housatonic Basin Monitoring Reports. All samples were in proper condition and reports conformed to applicable accreditation standard.

**Correspondence:**

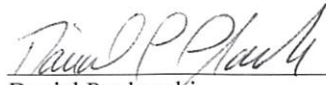
- Janice Boudreau completed the application for the Opt-out Mosquito Spraying. The Board of Selectman will need to complete, and Janice will submit. She expressed the Board of Health will need to fill out next year's application.
- Chris emailed the 2022 MAHB Certification Program being held on June 11, 2022, at the Delaney house. The cost is \$90 each member.


*Meeting Adjourned: 6:43 pm unanimously*

*Next meeting 5/18/2022 at 6:00 pm*

*Approved:*

Margaret Rice, Chair

  
Daniel Poplawski

  
Herbert Butzke