

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:00pm

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

**Present: Board Members:** Herb Butzke, Chair, Board Member: Joanne Semanie, Christine Bailey, Health Clerk and Rachel Lewis, RN

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Herb Butzke at the Rowe Town Hall.

## General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2022, meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve all invoices.

## Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Joanne Semanie.
- A check for \$1,118.31 was received from FCSCMD for scrap metal revenue.
- The BOH received an email from Jan Ameen referencing the new mattress disposal cost going up at both Casella's in Holyoke (\$35 to \$75) and K&Ws in West Springfield (\$35 to \$40 up to a Queen & \$50 for Kings). Due to the price increase, it is encouraged to default to K&W. Attendants are to report the number of mattresses for pick up. K&W will be tracking these numbers and will reject loads if a repeated volume comes from the same town. Town attendants should always reject wet and moldy mattresses and discourage residents from "ruining" mattresses.
- Christine submitted an article for the December Goal Post reiterating the new guidelines on mattresses and textiles. The two Salvation Army Boxes were delivered.
- Herb has followed up with Jan Ameen on the MIIA safety fixes. We are waiting for the hopeful approval of the \$4,000 MIIA grant Janice Boudreau submitted.
- Christine is working with Josh Jones of Colrain on the concrete crack by the dumpster. Jan Ameen needs a quote to give to the hauler's insurance company.
- Jan Ameen sent an email on the September recycling processing cost and the October AMV. The September recycling processing is at \$37.05/ton. These fees cannot be paid with RDP funds. The processing fee for October is up to \$62.66/ton.
- Christine submitted a vacation request for the week of December 4, 2022, returning Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

## Nurse Updates:

- Rachel said the Vaccination Clinic on October 20, 2022, was a success with a total of 97 residents attending. A total of 83 residents received a COVID Vaccine and 62 received a Flu shot. Herb suggested for next time the signage be larger, directing residents to the clinic. Also, to make sure the main entrance and the classroom area is segregated off. This will hopefully discourage residents from wandering the school during classroom time.
- Rachel met with the Medical and Pharmaceutical students on October 31, 2022, to possibly enhance services for the community.
- Rachel said the second foot clinic is being held tomorrow, November 3<sup>rd</sup> with 7 new clients attending and 4 returning. She is already taking appointments for the December clinic. Terry Green applied for a FY24 grant to allow the COA to continue funding the clinics.
- Rachel serviced 75 residents in 11 days which averaged to 7 clients a day.

**Water Testing:** Herb reviewed the Housatonic Basin Sampling Testing reports. All levels remain safe.

**Rowe Elementary School:** Randy Crochier will be conducting an inspection at the school to be in State Compliance. Christine will email Randy requesting any updates.

**New Business: (Unforeseen matters not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting):** Herb said there has been no clean-up of the garbage at 96 Ford Hill Road. FRCOG will move forward with any fines or liens, if necessary.

**Resident Comments/Questions:** *It is requested that residents wait for comments during a meeting until recognized by the Chairperson.*

*Meeting Adjourned: 6:42 pm unanimously*

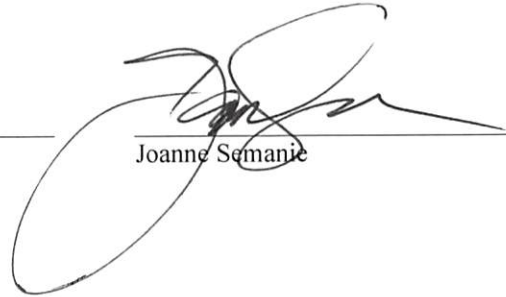
*Next meeting: November 16, 2022, at 6:00 pm*

*Approved:*



Herb Butzke, Chair

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Daniel Poplawski



Joanne Semanie