

**Town of Rowe FY2022  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2022**

Present: Board Members: Maggie Rice, Chair, Herb Butzke, Dan Poplawski and Christine Bailey, Administrative Assistant. Randy Crochier from FRCOG joined the meeting via zoom.

**Call to Order 6:01 PM by Maggie Rice in person at the Town Hall**

**General Business:**

- Minutes for February 16, 2022 were reviewed and approved.
- Invoices were reviewed and approved.

**Town Nurse:** The board was scheduled to interview, Abigail Yeziarski for the registered nurse position but unfortunately she need to cancel as it would not work with her hospital schedule. Christine will advertise for three consecutive Sundays in the Greenfield Recorder and on Indeed.com

**Covid Updates:** Maggie said the numbers are going down but the County is still listed as high. Currently there are no cases in the Town of Rowe or the School. Rowe now has 87% vaccinated and 58% have received the booster. The school population is still at 50% unvaccinated. A motion was made and approved to eliminate the mask mandate if no cases occur by Monday, March 7, 2022, at the school. Indoors, with minimal ventilation, the mask mandate is still in effect. A motion was made and approved to lift the mask mandate at the town buildings. The COVID policy rules are still in effect. Maggie will send Janice a memo to post on the Rowe website. Christine will respond to Ed Silva's email asking when the mask mandate would be lifted.

**Transfer Station:**

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed by Dan Poplawski.
- Rob Beaumier is working on getting quotes on the roof compactor project.
- Christine will be visiting the dump and consulting with Rob on the phone/internet service that is now in place. This will help in deciding on a possible upgrade.
- Christine is in the process of ordering the new FY23 dump tags. This year the color is a bright yellow.
- Chair Maggie spoke on the funds in our FY22 DEP grant. This is an excellent grant for compost or recyclable buckets. Randy said other towns purchase recycled copy paper.

**Septic:** There were no new Title 5's done. Maggie said there are a few in the Spring that will need follow up.

**Water Testing:**

- Maggie contacted Bill Knittle at the Rowe School in reference to Housatonic Basin testing the water at the school. He said the water issue has been fixed and resolved. The school needs to scend a letter to the DEP in reference to the copper/lead issue by Friday, March 4, 2022. There was also a complaint to the preschool outdoor classroom being too close to the well and the need for the classroom to relocate further away from the area.
- Maggie reviewed the Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing reports. All reports were normal.

**FRCOG:**

- Maggie attended the monthly FRCOG meeting. There is a public health bill in legislature to bring more education for board of health members, such as a basic 16-hour mandatory foundations courses. Randy said these would be certification course.
- Randy said Bernardston is hosting a Food and Safety Course on Allergens on April 29, 2022.

**Correspondence:**

- UMASS is willing to bring a CPR & First Aid Class to towns who are interested. Christine will send the flyer to the Fire and Police departments to see if there is an interest.

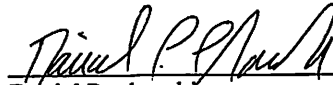
**New Business: None**

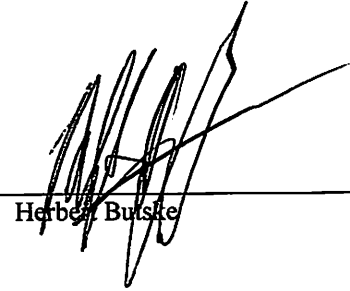
*Meeting Adjourned: 6:44pm unanimously*

*Next meeting 3/16/2022 at 6:00 pm*

*Approved:*

  
Margaret Rice, Chair

  
Daniel Poplawski

  
Herbert Butske