

**Town of Rowe FY2022  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2022**

**Present:** Board Members: Maggie Rice, Chair, Herb Butzke, Dan Poplawski and Christine Bailey, Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order 6:02 PM by Maggie Rice in person at Rowe Town Hall**

**General Business:**

- Minutes for March 2, 2022 were reviewed and approved.
- Invoices were reviewed and approved.

**Town Nurse:** The board interviewed Jessica Churchill for the registered nurse position. Jessica will be forwarding four references to Christine for verification. The Board will meet for discussion after they receive the results from her references. The Board reviewed another applicant, Tylor Gosselin and felt due to her still attending nursing school and lack of experience, the position would not be a good fit. Christine will send her a thank you for her interest and will keep her resume on file.

**Covid Updates:** The Board reviewed an email from Gail May's requesting the mask mandate be lifted at the Rowe School. The Board felt since cases were still prevalent within the school it was best to maintain the mandate and continue to monitor. Christine will respond to Gail's email.

**Transfer Station:**

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed by Dan Poplawski.
- Herb Butzke updated the group on the next steps for the Compactor. The Town will need to pull a permit. The construction will take a week so the Transfer Station will need to be closed on the Wednesday during construction. Once construction is scheduled the Town residents would need to be notified of closure through the GoalPost and/or a Robocall. The Board also received an email from Ramon Sanchez of the Conservation Committee stating specific State forms needing to be filed before construction could begin. Herb will contact Ramon to get specifics. Maggie is in contact with Jim Sinclair of J.S. Rae for a possible quote. If the work exceeds \$5,000, the Board will need to obtain several bids.
- Christine visited the Transfer Station and noted the phone/internet service was combined and serviced thru WhipCity/Ooma. She suggested a new remote phone with answering machine capability be bought. Herb will be purchasing.
- Christine received the new FY23 dump tags. This year the color is a bright yellow. She has the resident letter ready to go out for May 1, 2022. She will be ordering larger envelopes and stamps for the tag/sticker mailing and working with the Assessor's office for mailing labels.
- Chair Maggie spoke on the Transfer Station Paint Project. It was decided to revisit this the beginning of June.
- Maggie received an email from Jan Ameen, FCSWMD reporting Community Eco Partners has filed bankruptcy and the Agawam facility will be managed by the parent company: USA Waste located in CT. This will mean the contract for the hauling costs will increase as the minimum disposal pricing in this area is \$95/ton. She is guessing we could go as high as \$100/ton. Jan revised the estimate of the town's FY23 trash disposal budget with the tip fee at \$100 vs. \$82.75.

**Correspondence:**

- Maggie shared an email on a new Blood Donation Policy. Christine will forward the policy electronically the Board.
- The Commonwealth Franklin County Regional Animal Control sent out an immediate release on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza detected in wild birds in Massachusetts. Christine will have the release posted in the GoalPost due to several residents having chickens in Town.

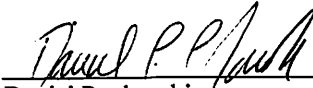
**New Business:** The Board, with the help of Randy Crozier, FRCOG Board of Health will assist with the Camps in town who have no septic systems. Christine is researching camps in Town who have a system or not. The Board will then need to come up with a policy for non-septic homes.

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm unanimously*

*Next meeting 4/6/2022 at 6:00 pm*

*Approved:*

  
Margaret Rice, Chair

  
Daniel Poplawski

  
Herbert Batske