

**Town of Rowe FY2022  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2022**

**Present: Board Members:** Maggie Rice, Chair, Herb Butzke, Dan Poplawski and Christine Bailey, Health Clerk. Carol Lively joined the meeting via zoom.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Maggie Rice in person at Rowe Town Hall

**General Business:**

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

**Town Nurse:** The board interviewed Rachel Lewis for the registered nurse position. Christine will forward her the job description. She will provide Christine with references for verification. The Board will meet for discussion after they review her references.

**Transfer Station:**

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed by Dan Poplawski.
- It was decided to wait until the next pick up for the Freon, E-Waste, etc.
- Avery's Hardware will be closing. Christine will talk to Janice on a possible credit account at Aubuchon or to make purchases at Home Depot in Greenfield.
- Maggie received a bid from J.S. Rae for \$22,000 for the Compactor Roof at the Refuse Gardens. The Board will need to obtain at least 2 other bids. Maggie will call Wayne Zavotka to ask about using funds from the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Herb will be purchasing a remote phone with answering machine capability for the Transfer Station.
- The Board decided to revisit the Transfer Station Paint Project the beginning of June.

**Septic Systems:** Maggie will be doing a Title V on April 13, 2022 at 33 Old Cyrus Stage Road.

**Budget:**

- The FY23 Budget was submitted. Maggie discussed the increase in the new hauling of fuel contracts. Due to fuel and other cost increases, the Refuse Garden Operations line item was increased by \$1,800. The Board of Health stipends will now be paid out of the "Employees Stipend Budget" therefore decreasing this budget line by \$4,938. This will help offset the Refuse Garden's increase in addition to other unforeseen costs. Christine will make the appropriate changes and email the corrected budget to the Board.

**Water Testing:** Maggie reviewed the March 9, 2022, testing results for Avery Fountain, Rowe Elementary and the Town Hall. All met the State's mandated specifications. Pelham Park will resume testing between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

**Covid Updates:** Carol Lively asked if the mask mandates for the children and staff at the Rowe School could finally be lifted. The Board felt, even with no active cases, to continue to monitor and maintain the mandate. This decision was due to April vacation approaching and an uptick of other schools in the area who continue to have a hard time as cases return, even with higher vaccination levels.

**Covid Vaccination Clinic:** There will be a Pfizer and Moderna clinic held on April 25, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. A FRCOG Nurse will be in attendance to offer the first and second shot, the first and second booster (2<sup>nd</sup> booster for 50+) and children vaccines ages 5 to 18. Maggie will be receiving a poster to be posted on the website and will initiate a robo call to residents. Christine to alert Janice that we will be needing the combined conference rooms. Maggie also received a poster on how to “Protect yourself and your family”. Christine to post at the Town Hall and in the Goal Post.

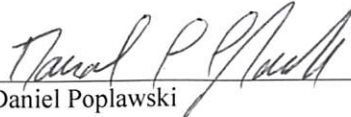
*Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm unanimously*


*Next meeting 4/20/2022 at 6:00 pm*

*Approved:*

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Margaret Rice, Chair

  
Daniel Poplawski

  
Herbert Butské