

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: **Board Members:** Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski, Board Member; Christine Bailey, Health Clerk and Rachel Lewis, RN

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

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2023 meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve all invoices.

Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Chair Herb shared an email from Jan Ameen on the December recycling process cost of \$65.92 per ton. She said that MassDEP allows towns to use RDP funds for recycling fees over \$50/ton. Rowe can use \$111.51 of its RDP share. Usually, the RDP funds are used for special projects.
- The yearly RDP Contract was approved for \$3,500.00.
- Amy Donovan of Franklin County Waste District shared links to four recycling videos from the MRF Advisory Board. Christine will post the video links on the Rowe website.

Nurse Updates:

- Individual Statistics: January so far- 6 days, 42 patients (7 patients/day)- 37 patients 65+
- Covid updates: **PAST 7 days** 9,360 new cases Mass with 12.25% positivity rate, 68 new cases in Franklin county with 9.61% positivity, 1,250 hospitalizations (409 primarily for Covid) in Mass, 142 deaths in Mass, 8 deaths in Franklin County. (2 reported cases in Rowe last 2 weeks)
- Flu updates: ILI (influenza-like illness): 4.3% (trending down- was 8% 2 weeks ago), hospitalizations 2.85% (trending down- was 5% 2 weeks ago), Flu activity is 'high', which is down from 'very high' previous 5 weeks.
- The Wellness Clinic is being held next Thursday January 26, 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

FY24 BUDGET: The Board reviewed the various line items on the projected FY24 BOH budget to be submitted at the January 19th Finance Committee meeting. Herb will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 pm unanimously

Next meeting: February 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Herb Butzke, Chair


Daniel Poplawski


Joanne Semanie