

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski and Joanne Semanie, Board Members; Rachel Lewis, Town Nurse, Christine Bailey, Health Clerk and John Briggs of Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Herb Butzke at the Rowe Town Hall.

Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District: John Briggs joined the meeting via zoom at 6:01 p.m. introducing himself as the new PVMCD representative. He explained the process for the upcoming mosquito season which begins with trapping for surveillance Mid-May – Early June. These are stationary traps that are located strategically throughout the Town where beaver ponds and cattails are located. John will be testing weekly with updates periodically. He encouraged the board to contact him with any updates or questions. John left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2023, meeting.

FY23 Budget/Payables: A motion was made and seconded to approve the following invoices:

Invoice I:

- Waste Management, Invoice IAC411355, dtd 4/6/2023; \$83.64
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23414, dtd 4/6/2023; \$359.30
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23415, dtd 4/6/2023; \$1,356.13
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23416, dtd 4/6/2023; \$30.00
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23417, dtd 4/6/2023; \$30.00
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23484, dtd 4/19/2023; \$635.30
- National Grid, Invoice 3/7/23-4/5/2023, dtd 4/5/2023; \$208.40
- Smart Sign – Dump Tags, Invoice SMT-587452, dtd 4/6/2023; \$434.75
- MAHB, Invoice 1073975, dtd 4/1/2023; \$55.00
- Home Depot, Invoice 1905294, dtd 4/6/2023; \$34.20

Invoice II:

- Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing (HBST), Invoice H2304-138, dtd 4/30/23; \$155.00
- Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing (HBST), Invoice H2304-140, dtd 4/30/23; \$110.00
- Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing (HBST), Invoice H2304-141, dtd 4/30/23; \$255.00
- Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing (HBST), Invoice H2304-142, dtd 4/30/23; \$155.00
- Tire Lodge, Invoice G1-227818, dtd 4/27/2023; \$45.00

Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- BOH received a letter in reference to a large dump haul from 19 Ford Hill Road. Herb will respond to the resident reiterating the BOH guidelines in reference to dumpster dumps. The Board agreed to review dumping procedures with Town residents. Christine will put it on the next agenda.
- There was a leak in the roof at the Swap Shed. Herb felt this may have been where the rain and wind might have gotten underneath the shingles. Herb will follow up.
- The new FY24 Refuse Garden tags and stickers were ordered.
- The Town received the 3rd quarter scrap metal revenue check from FCSWMD in the amount of \$569.65. Christine deposited.

- Jan Ameen reported the AMV recycling fee and RDP Share as follows:
 - March recycling fee and RDP Rowe Share (\$59.74 per ton) \$83.64
 - April recycling fee and RDP Rowe Share (\$50.07 per ton) \$319.30
- There will be a Spring 2023 Clean Sweep Bulky Waste Recycling Day on May 13, 2023. It was agreed the Rowe Refuse Garden handles this type of waste regularly so there was no need to put in the GoalPost.
- Christine posted in the GoalPost instructions from FCSWMD for disposal of Batteries, etc.
- Christine is to check with Jan Ameen on the cement crack at the Transfer Station.

Site Plan: Per OSHA, Herb said the Town of Rowe, BOH will need to come up with a site plan.

Nursing Updates:

- Rachel reviewed her individual statistics. For April, 83 patients were seen in 7 days, which averaged 12 patients a day. Of these patients, 77 were 65+ years old.
- COVID and Flu cases are down both in Massachusetts and Franklin County.
- May is blood pressure month. Rachel is promoting checks through the website, GoalPost and flyers around the Town Hall.
- Rachel submitted a vacation request.

Food Permit: A food permit was issued to Rowe Baseball for selling food items during the games.

Title 5 Inspection: A Title-V inspection failed with contingency at 194 Leshure Road.

Perc Test: A Perc Test is scheduled at 163 Ford Hill Road on May 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Chair Herb will attend.

Housatonic Basin Water Testing:

- Herb reviewed the Housatonic Basin Sampling Testing reports. All levels remain safe.

Correspondence:

The following informational letters were discussed:


- 2023 Yearly Operational Plan (Pan Am Railways, Inc.)
- 2023 Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan – National Grid
- Commonwealth – Department of Public Health letter (Expressing gratitude)
- Commonwealth – Governor Maura Healey (Grant for New Climate Resiliency Program)

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm unanimously

Next meeting: May 17, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Approved:



 Herb Butzke, Chair



 Daniel Poplawski

 Joanne Semanie