

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski and Kathleen Atwood, Board Members and Rachel Lewis, Town Nurse, Roberta Baker (resident)

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

Roberta Baker: Roberta discussed her concerns of lack of fragrance-free policy at the Rowe School and the seriousness around allergic reactions. Herb had spoken with Randy from FRCOG and the BOH ultimately does not have the power to implement a policy. Rachel had followed-up with Lydia (Rowe School Nurse) and there is currently no fragrance policy in place at the school. The BOH with follow-up with Lydia and Bill Knittle to help facilitate a potential policy being written. Roberta will follow-up with a list of her fragrance allergies and if anyone else in the school has allergies to fragrances.

General Business:

Approval of minutes delayed until Christine Bailey returns from leave.

FY23 Budget/Payables: There were no invoices of note. The payables will be reviewed when Christine returns from leave.

Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Dump Tags- Kathy Atwood has been receiving money from residents and issuing dump tags.
- Fence repair/Electric light repair- The fence and electric light in the Transfer Station were damaged by snow fall/removal and Herb will look into getting these repaired.
- Tree removal- 2 large trees at the Transfer Station need to be taken down. Herb will start to get quotes for this.

Title 5 Inspections: The following inspections were read and reviewed by Herbert Butzke.

Title 5 and Perc test at 169 Ford Hill Rd on July 11th at 10am. Herb has a conflict of interest, therefore Kathy has said she will attend.

Nursing Updates:

Rachel Lewis read and reviewed the nursing updates for the month of May

- Individual statistics: June- 12 days worked, 125 patients seen, avg 10.5pts/day, 109 of those patients were 65+
- First Arbovirus report is out (week of 6/25-7/1): no cases of WNV or EEE in any sample mosquito, human or mammal.
- FRCOG public health nurses came to Rowe on Friday 6/30 and gave 3 residents the next Bivalent Booster. 4 others decided to wait until the fall when a new 'formula' may be available.
- Tick shoe spraying clinic to be held July 26th from 3-6pm in the Town Hall parking lot or DPW parking lot. I will do Robo call, send out a flyer to each house and it was in the goal post.
- Formal request for 2 more weeks (48 hours) of vacation time to be added into contract for FY24 and moving forward each subsequent year. The BOH members unanimously voted to approve this request.

Housatonic Basin Water Testing:

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

Correspondence: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:46 pm unanimously

Next meeting: June 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Approved:

Herb Butzke, Chair

Daniel Poplawski

Kathleen Atwood