

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski and Kathleen Atwood, Board Members, Rachel Lewis, Nurse, and Christine Bailey, BOH Clerk. Lydia Brisson, Rowe Elementary Nurse joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m. and Bill Knittle, Rowe Elementary School Principal joined the meeting at 6:46 via speaker phone.

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 July 19, 2023, meeting.

FY24 Budget/Payables: A motion was made and seconded to approve the following FY24 invoices.

- FCSWMD, Invoice 23786, dtd 7/19/23; \$722.55
- Housatonic Basin, Invoice B2307-183, dtd 7/31/2023; \$203.00
- Housatonic Basin, Invoice B2307-185, dtd 7/31/2023; \$118.00
- Housatonic Basin, Invoice B2307-186, dtd 7/31/2023; \$895.50
- Housatonic Basin, Invoice B2307-187, dtd 7/31/2023; \$203.00
- Rachel Lewis, Postage for Tick Spraying Flyers, Invoice 880, dtd 7/13/2023; \$51.87

FY24 Acct	Account #	7-1-23 Approp	Curr Bal (7-1-23)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 4,938.00			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$12,880.00	\$12,880.00			
Transfer Station Att'd	01-512-5140	\$16,607.00	\$16,607.00			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$43,997.00	\$43,997.00			
Physician Stipend	01-512-5144	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Snow Removal	01-512-5145	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Hazardous Waste Col	01-512-5290	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
FCSWMD Assess	01-512-5300	\$ 8,417.00	\$ 6,312.75			
Mosquito Control	01-512-5382	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0			
BOH Operations	01-512-5701	\$13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	Housatonic, Inv B2307-183, dtd 7/31/23 Housatonic, Inv B2307-185, dtd 7/31/23 Housatonic, Inv B2307-186, dtd 7/31/23 Housatonic, Inv B2307-187, dtd 7/31/23	\$ 203.00 \$ 118.00 \$ 895.50 \$ 203.00	\$ 13,297.00 \$ 13,179.00 \$ 12,283.50 \$ 12,080.50
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 7,308.97	Rachel Lewis, Inv 880, dtd 7/13/2023	\$ 51.87	\$ 7,257.10
Refuse Gardens Ops	01-512-5708	\$35,050.00	\$ 34,931.25	FCSWMD, Inv #23786, dtd 7/19/23	\$ 722.55	\$ 34,208.70
FRCOG Health Sv Ops	01-512-5788	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 4,358.00			

Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Christine forwarded to Rob information on the next fire extinguisher inspection date of Monday 8/28/2023. Rob to bring the extinguishers to the Fire Station.
- Dan inquired about information Rob received from FCSWMD to post at the Transfer Station. (Attendant Specification and Contact information sheets). Christine will forward the email with attachments to the group.
- Herb will call an insured Arborist to take down the two large pines in front of the swap shop/office building.

Rowe Elementary School: The BOH meet with with Lydia Brisson, RN and Bill Knittle, Principal at 6:21 p.m. to discuss various policies and procedures for the upcoming school year. Lydia handed out and reviewed the COVID-19 procedure policy. The State/Government will not be giving out free testing kits anymore. Bill will order tests for the school for Lydia to test any students or staff with any COVID symptoms. Lydia also reviewed the new Rowe School fragrance-free policy on allergen triggers. This includes perfume, cologne, aftershave,

body spray and scented lotion and hair products. It would also include room deodorizers, air fresheners, bug spray etc. A shower at the school will be offered or to go home, shower and change. Mr. Knittle said repetitive offenders who do not comply could face repercussions, beginning with a verbal warning, written and then further actions if deemed necessary.

FRCOG:

- The following inspections will be conducted via FRCOG:
 - 23 Cross Road – Title 5 Inspection – August 8, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - 169 Ford Hill – Title 5 Inspection of Tight Tank and Perc Test - August 16, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. Kathy Atwood and Bob Clancy from ConCom will be attending.
- FRCOG completed and passed the final inspection at 163 Ford Hill Road held on July 31, 2023.

OPIOID Programs: Herb will be checking with Phoebe Walker on offering a program at the Rowe Elementary School on OPIOD/drug awareness.

Water Testing:

- Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing – Rowe Pelham Park

Nursing Updates: Rachel review her nursing updates:

- Individual statistics: July - 11 days worked, 92 patients seen, avg 8.5 patients/day, of those patients 78 were 65+ years old.
- Arbovirus: 15 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) found in mosquito samples in Mass- 1 case in Pittsfield, none in humans yet. No EEE in mosquito or human.
- Tick shoe spraying clinic was held July 26th from 3-6pm at the Town Hall parking lot. Maureen O'Reilly from FRCOG did the spraying and Rachel coordinated the education around ticks and Permethrin safety. The event had 22 people attend with 45 pairs of shoes sprayed.
- Rachel will be changing her hours to Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm the start of the school year (end of August/beginning of September). She will zoom into BOH meetings on the first Wednesday of the month or arrange childcare if needed to attend in person. Rachel will be on vacation August 7th-14th and will send out a robocall, update voice mail and the website. She requested 4 hours of personal time for 8/31/23 (Thursday afternoon).

Correspondence: Christine will be taking vacation the week of September 4, 2023.

New Business: N/A

Resident Comments/Questions: N/A

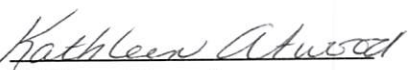
Meeting Adjourned: 6:46 pm unanimously

Next meeting: September 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Herb Butzke, Chair


Daniel Poplawski


Kathleen Atwood