

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski and Kathleen Atwood, Board Members; and Christine Bailey, BOH Clerk.

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 August 2, 2023, meeting.

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

- MAHB, FY24 Dues, dtd 8/16/2023; \$55.00
- Rachel Lewis, Postage, Invoice #000002, dtd 8/3/23; \$13.20
- McKesson, Invoice 20921652, dtd 7/31/23; \$56.39
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23820, dtd 8/7/23; \$50.00
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23821, dtd 8/7/23; \$1,311.80
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23822, dtd 8/7/23; \$887.22
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23823, dtd 8/7/23; \$30.00
- FCSWMD, Invoice 23874, dtd 8/7/23; \$330.99
- Nat'l Grid, Invoice 7/31/2023, dtd 8/4/2023; \$46.28
- Wired West, Invoice 3173445, dtd 8/12/23; \$90.00

Transfer Station:

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Herb submitted an invoice of \$4,500.00 for payment to Ben Niles, Arborist to remove two large pine trees in front of the Refuse Gardens. Christine will contact Mr. Niles to set up a date/time.
- Herb reviewed the FY24 MRF Recycling fees for July. He also reviewed the FY24 AMV and Net Revenue for August. Both submitted by Jan Ameen.
- Christine contacted Josh Jones to fix the concrete crack. He is planning on coming 8/23-8/24 weather permitting. She will contact Rob to have the dumpsters removed.
- Christine will contact Jan Ameen for any referrals to fix the chain link fence.
- The Board discussed Rob Beaumier's hours in reference to benefits eligibility.

Rowe Elementary School: Lydia Brisson, RN sent a revised Rowe School fragrance-free policy

FRCOG:

➤ The following inspections were conducted via FRCOG:

- 23 Cross Road – Title 5 Inspection – August 8, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. - Failed
- 169 Ford Hill – Title 5 Inspection of Tight Tank and Perc Test - August 16, 2023 – Passed. Kathy Atwood attended the perk/inspection. She said it was a slow perk and the soil will be tested at UMass. Engineer Mike Levine said it will be a mound system that will not interfere with any wetlands. The tight tank alarm did not work.
- FRCOG did a final inspection at 163 Ford Hill Road on July 31, 2023.

➤ BOH Concerns:

- Chair Herb will contact Randy in reference to a 1965 Soils Map and believe it is obsolete. The map is referred in the Rowe by-laws concerning septics.
- Chair Herb to contact Randy in reference to 285 Zoar Road. A trailer on blocks has been parked at the house lot. The Board would like Randy to check the situation.

Water Testing:

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

Nursing Updates: Kathy Atwood read the following nurse updates:

- Individual statistics: August- 4 days worked, 33 patients seen, 29 of those patients were 65+ years old.
- Arbovirus: 40 case of West Nile Virus (WNV) found in mosquito sample in Mass- 3 cases in Pittsfield (been raised to moderate risk), no cases found in Rowe, none in humans yet. No EEE in mosquito or human.
- Response from Meg Ryan, RN at FRCOG about what we would do if we had a positive WNV or EEE case here in Rowe: The state is involved. I believe anytime there is a positive human case of either WNV or EEE anywhere in MA, DPH does a statewide press release. It is not a communicable disease person to person, so our actions would involve getting messaging out about precautions to avoid mosquito bites, and the importance of doing so because of the heightened risk of serious disease. We here at FRCOG will provide any support needed. There is already excellent information on mass.gov, ready to go if we need it: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-borne-disease-prevention> It might be a good use of your reverse 911 notification system if it were to come up in the immediate region, if that's what you think best.

Correspondence: N/A

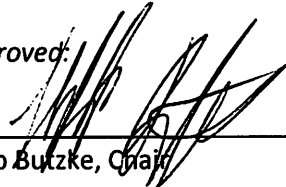
New Business: Our next meeting will be on August 30, 2023 with the September 6, 2023 meeting cancelled. Christine will contact the Administrative offices to reschedule the meeting on the website and the outside Board.

Resident Comments/Questions: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 pm unanimously

Next meeting: August 30, 2023, at 6:00 pm

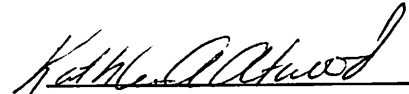
Approved:



Herb Butzke, Chair



Daniel Poplawski



Kathleen Atwood