

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: Herb Butzke, BOH Chair; Kathleen Atwood, Board Members and Christine Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Herb Butzke at 6:07 p.m.

General Business: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2024 meeting.

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

	Company	Invoice #	Date	Amount
•	USPS – Stamps for dump tags	Inv#00002	5/8/24	\$121.00
•	HBST – Water testing	H2404-143	4/30/24	\$155.00
•	HBST – Water testing	H2404-142	4/30/24	\$260.00
•	HBST – Water testing	H2404-140	4/30/24	\$155.00
•	Waste Mngt – Recycling Expense	IAC5461217	5/6/24	\$159.52
•	FCSWMD – Hauling & Disposal	24675	5/6/24	\$1,737.39
•	FCSWMD – Hauling & Disposal	24676	5/6/24	\$1,039.77
•	FCSWMD – Hauling & Disposal	24674	5/6/24	\$675.44
•	FCSWMD – Hauling & Disposal	24677	5/6/24	\$105.00
•	National Grid	May 3, 2024	5/3/24	103.16
•	Wired West	3489036	5/12/2024	90.00
•	McKesson – Surgical Supplies	22035189	4/29/24	387.30
•	Amazon – Misc RN Office Supplies	111-7517462	5/2/24	444.94

FY24 Acct	Account #	7-1-23 Approp	Curr Bal (4-12-24)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
Transfer Station Att	01-512-5140	\$16,607.00	\$ 3,729.51			
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 1,234.50			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$12,880.00	\$ 2,544.50			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$43,997.00	\$ 9,046.21			
Physician Stipend	01-512-5144	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Snow Removal	01-512-5145	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Hazardous Waste	01-512-5290	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
FCSWMD Assess	01-512-5300	\$ 8,417.00	\$.00			
Mosquito Control	01-512-5382	\$ 5,000.00	\$.00			
BOH Operations	01-512-5701	\$13,500.00	\$ 4,538.75	USPS, Inv#00002, dtd 5/8/24 HBST, H24024-143, dtd 5/8/24 HBST, H2404-142, dtd 5/8/24 HBST, H2404-140, dtd 5/8/24	\$ 121.00 \$ 155.00 \$ 260.00 \$ 155.00	\$ 3,847.75
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 4,215.86	McKesson #22035189 dtd 4/29/24 Amazon #111-7517462 dtd 5/2/24	\$ 387.30 \$ 444.94	\$ 3,383.62
Refuse Gardens Ops	01-512-5708	\$35,050.00	\$ 12,505.77	Waste Mngt, IAC5461217, dtd 5/6/24 FCSWMD, Inv #24675, dtd 5/6/24 FCSWMD, Inv #24676, dtd 5/6/24 FCSWMD, Inv #24674, dtd 5/6/24 FCSWMD, Inv #24677, dtd 5/6/24 Nat'l Grid, Inv #5/3/24 dtd 5/3/24 Wired West, Inv#348036, dtd 5/12/24	\$ 159.52 \$ 1, 737.39 \$ 1,039.77 \$ 675.44 \$ 105.00 \$ 103.16 \$ 90.00	\$ 8,595.49
FRCOG Health Svcs	01-512-5788	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 41.00			
OPIOID FUNDS	83-512-4540- 83139	\$90,000.00	\$.00	Next disbursement - July 2024		

Transfer Station:

- Herb Butzke read the Transfer Station Logs.
- Christine received a call from Rob Beaumier in fixing the Compactor overhead gutter spout. She will check to see if Jerry Ferguson, Town Maintenance can repair.
- Jan Ameen said the part time attendants (Dawn Beaumier and Michael Denson) would also need the OSHA training. Christine set them up taking the training. She said that both their time and mileage would need to be reimbursed.
- Jan Ameen said the FY24 MRF Recycling Expense for April was \$159.52 (\$25.24 per ton).
- Jan Ameen sent out a Waste Ban Exemption for Transfer Station pick up loads and what is allowed. Transfer Stations cannot allow anyone to deliver bulky waste in a vehicle or trailer larger than 5 cubic yards. Loads are limited to compact and full-size pickup trucks. If allowing anything larger, then Rowe would risk losing their waste ban exemption. This would then implement a full waste ban inspection protocol of spot checking loads, opening bags, etc. Christine will share this information with Rob and have him post pickup truck capacities at the Transfer Station.
- There has been a resident concern with the rodents at the dump, specifically racoons and rats. The resident dropped off some masks for Rob. Christine will email Jan Ameen to get ideas on other dumps in the area and how they dispose/deter them. Herb will suggest Rob wear a mask and outer protective wear when cleaning any animal waste. Herb will work with Rob to purchase some rodent spray or what Jan Ameen suggests.
- Since June 19, 2024, is Juneteenth Day, a Federal holiday, Christine submitted an article to the GoalPost that both the Transfer Station and the Town Hall will be closed. Donna Butzke will alert the Town via a robo call and put a notice on the Town website. Christine will make a poster for Rob to post on the Gate and at the transfer station of the closure.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to move the June 19th meeting to the following week: June 26, 2024.

Nursing Updates:

- COA has agreed to pay ½ for the sandwich board. Rachel will order and have the cost split.
- Rachel attended the Opioid office hours on May 9, 2024. They spoke about non-profit foundation 'RIZE' that is setting up grant opportunities over the next 3 years to provide money to organizations and municipalities for the setting up/operating of anything relating to opioid pandemic (prevention, treatment, operations, education, etc.). Can sign up at rizema.org to get alerts when applications for grants will open for municipalities. Documentation of use of funds will have to be provided at intervals, showing work of how the money is being spent. Not sure if BOH wants to look further into this as it would require a substantial amount of work to apply for the grant.
- Rachel and COA are going to start a walking club in June. Walking will be each Monday for 4 weeks and for 1 hour which will consist of moderate walking.. This is a carry on from the exercise group started in March to help residents increase or sustain mobility and wellness. The COA and Rachel would like to see if residents would like to carry it on after the initial trial. All walkers will need to sign a release form prior to starting!
- 'Tick Test Coupons' –Tabled for the next meeting.

System Pumping Records: The following septic pumping records were received.

- Bear Swamp Fife Brook – 370 River Road
- Bear Swamp – 370 River Road

BOH Updates:

- Christine said our next meeting (June 5, 2024) BOH will be hosting Randy Crochier to vote on the Septic and Tobacco Regulations.
- Christine submitted an article to the Goal Post on well testing for residents through Housatonic Basin Water Testing.
- The BOH office received a letter from Brookfield Renewables in reference to their yearly Herbicide Application on the power lines in Rowe.

- Christine attached the Shantigar Variance letter submitted from Randy Crochier on 5/21/24 which notified Shantigar Foundation of the Rowe Board of Health approval, for one year, of their variance request to 105 CMR 410.000

OPIOID Updates:

- A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board to not participate in the expanded OPIOID litigation for the Town to possibly benefit from additional settlements or judgments involving Opioid manufactureres and distributors. Christine will have Brooke Shulda, Town Administrator notify KP Law of this decision/vote.
- The next Bi-weekly "Office Hours" meeting is scheduled for 5/23/2024 from 2-3pm. If you would like to participate in the zoom meeting Christine can forward the link.
- CPHS Regional OPIOID Settlement Proposal – Phoebe Walker - FRCOG shared the settlement proposal. Christine handed copies out to the BOH Members.

New Business: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 pm unanimously


Next meeting: June 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Approved:



Herb Butzke, Chair

Daniel Poplawski



Kathleen Atwood