

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: Herb Butzke, BOH Chair; Dan Poplawski and Kathleen Atwood, Board Members and Christine Bailey, Admin Assistant and Randy Crochier of FRCOG. Rick Williams joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and Matthew Stine at 6:27 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Herb Butzke at 6:01 p.m.

General Business: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2024 meeting.

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

Company	Invoice #	Date	Amount
• Housatonic Basic – School Committee invoice (CREDIT)	H2404-142	4/30/24	\$260.00
• Lodge Tire	G1-241026	5/14/24	\$64.00
• Lodge Tire	G1-241073	5/15/24	\$64.00
• Home Depot-Transfer Station-Gutter (used debit card)	2619 0005 26269	5/24/24	\$128.44
• FCSWMD	24756	5/24/24	\$123.00
• FCSWMD	24770	5/28/24	\$110.18
• Avery’s – Grease/Oil	553	5/30/24	\$14.98
• Bostley Sanitary Service – Empty Porta-Potty	37069	5/31/24	\$125.00
• Amazon – Nurse supplies (used debit card)	111-9201488-0327430	5/16/24	\$42.96
• Mileage – Rachel Lewis, RN – May 2024	RN Mileage	5/31/24	\$71.64
• Housatonic Basin	H2405-170	5/31/24	\$155.00
• Housatonic Basin	H2405-172	5/31/24	\$420.00
• Housatonic Basin	H2405-173	5/31/24	\$790.00
• Housatonic Basic	H2405-174	5/31/24	\$275.00

FY24 Acct	Account #	7-1-23 Approp	Curr Bal (5-10-24)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
Transfer Station Att	01-512-5140	\$16,607.00	\$ 2,262.62			
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 1,234.50			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$12,880.00	\$ 1,523.70			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$43,997.00	\$ 5,560.05			
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	\$ 3,847.75	Housatonic Basin reimb to BOH Ops HBST, H2405-170, 5/31/24 HBST, H2405-170, 5/31/24 HBST, H2405-170, 5/31/24 HBST, H2405-170, 5/31/24	\$ 260.00 \$ 155.00 \$ 420.00 \$ 790.00 \$ 275.00	\$ 4,107.75 \$ 2,467.75
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 3,383.62	Amazon – debit card for nurse supplies RN Mileage for May	\$ 42.96 \$ 71.64	\$ 3,269.02
Refuse Gardens Ops	01-512-5708	\$35,050.00	\$ 8,595.49	Lodge Tire, #G1-241026, dtd 5/14/24 Lodge Tire, #G1-241073, dtd 5/15/24 FCSWMD, #24756, dtd 5/24/24 FCSWMD #24770, dtd 5/28/24 Averys, #553, dtd 5/30/24 Bostley Sanitary, #37069, dtd 5/31/24 Home Depot – debit card for gutter at RG	\$ 64.00 \$ 64.00 \$ 123.00 \$ 110.18 \$ 14.98 \$ 125.00 \$ 128.44	\$ 7,965.89
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:

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Per Jan Ameen, the FY24 MRF Recycling Expense for May is \$20.66 per ton. Another month the tonage has decreased.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the mileage Forms submitted by Mike Denson and Dawn Beaumier to attend the mandatory OSHA class training.

Nursing Updates: Chair Herb read the the following Nursing Updates:

- Individual Stats- May 2024: Rachel worked 11.5 days- 112 patients seen, 94 of those were 65 years+.
- Rachel and COA started a walking club for June- each Monday X1 hour of moderate walking for 4 weeks. This is a carry on from the exercise group started in March to help residents increase or sustain mobility and wellness. There were 6 walkers the first week. A release form was signed prior to starting! If the walking group goes well and gets residents here for exercise/socialization we may carry it on for as long as weather permits.
- 'Tick Test Coupons: Rachel reported that Rowe has offered tick test coupons in the past but since has 'run out' per Phoebe Walker. Rowe subsidizes a tick test for residents so their ticks can be tested for various diseases. Rowe pays \$20 per coupon, the lab pays \$15 and then the resident pays \$15. (usually \$50 if paid out of pocket). Is this something the Rowe BOH would like to support going forward.

BOH Updates:

- Randy Crochier emailed the Board of Health written procedures on the Septic System Design and Install Process. He said the written instructions help new and existing owners who need to install a septic. These do not supersede any Rowe zoning.
- The Massachusetts Public Health Fish Contamination Advisory emailed the Board of Health on the PFAS results that were measured in fish sampled from Pelham Lake with results that exceeded the DPH action level of 0.22 parts per billion (ppb). This indicated that the daily consumption of fish from the waterbody may pose a potential health concern. DPH considers new sampling data and previous FCAs when issuing new fish advisories. The new advice is the most conservative FCA considering both previous and new advice based on measurements in fish from each waterbody. DPH is recommending that sensitive populations should not eat Largemouth Bass from Pelham Lake and limit consumption of fish to 2 meals/week. The general population should limit consumption of Largemouth Bass to 2 meals/month and fish to 2 meals/week. Christine laminated 8 posters and placed at the BOH office, as well as Pelham Lake waterfront locations that afford access to the water. Randy said he would have more copies laminated and dropped off at the Town Hall for the Park to display at water access areas.
- Vacation request for Christine from July 1st – July 6th was approved.

SEPTIC PUMPING RECORDS

The following residents had their systems pumped:

- Rowe Camp – 3 Kings Highway
- Bill Travis – 62 Pond Road
- Shirley Veber – 3 Pine Hill Drive
- Sean Loomis – 63 Middletown Hill Road
- Terry Veber – 294 Zoar Road

OPIOID Updates:

- Next Bi-weekly "Office Hours" meeting is scheduled for 6/6/2024 from 2-3pm.

Water Testing:

Herb read the Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing and the Analytical Laboratory Data Report – Beach Sampling. All were in compliance.

HEARING: At the request of FRCOG on Local Tobacco Sales Regulations: At 6:40 p.m. by roll call vote, Chair, Herb Butzke made a motion to open the hearing requested by FRCOG for restricting the sale of tobacco products. Dan Poplawski seconded the motion (Herb Butzke-aye, Dan Poplawski-aye and Kathy Atwood-aye). Chair Herb opened the hearing by reading the hearing notice into the record.

Health Agent Randy Crochier provided guidelines from the State of Massachusetts in restricting the sale Tobacco products in each Town whereas; the Surgeon General found evidence that tobacco smoking causes cancer, respiratory and cardiac diseases, negative birth outcomes, irritations to the eyes, nose and throat. Also, nicotine is considered an addictive, especially in usage among early adolescence. After reading pertinent facts, Randy clarified any questions the Board or residents had.

Chair Herb Chair Herb thanked the FRCOG and Residents for coming and by roll call vote, Chair, Herb Butzke made a motion to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing. Dan Poplawski seconded the motion (Herb Butzke-aye, Dan Poplawski-aye and Kathy Atwood-aye).

Chair Herb Butzke made a motion that the Rowe Board of Health adopt local Tobacco Regulations effective July 1, 2024. Dan Poplawski seconded the motion (Herb Butzke-aye, Dan Poplawski-aye and Kathy Atwood-aye).

HEARING: At the request of FRCOG on Local Septic Regulations: At 6:50 p.m. by roll call vote, Chair, Herb Butzke made a motion to open the hearing requested by FRCOG regarding Local Septic Regulations in Rowe. Dan Poplawski seconded the motion (Herb Butzke-aye, Dan Poplawski-aye and Kathy Atwood-aye). Chair Herb opened the hearing by reading the hearing notice into the record.

Health Agent Randy Crochier provided regulations through the State of Massachusetts for the Rowe BOH to enact for the purpose of protection of the citizens of the Town of Rowe and protection of the environment. Minimum code, Title 5 regulations are incomplete or ambiguous in certain specifications and silent on other topics. The regulations will compliment, not conflict with current Title 5 regulations, to assure a more complete protection from sewage overflow, efficient administration, and management, as well as for additional guidance in the process of construction and repair of septic systems. Randy said this protects the homeowner and the life of the system is extended. After reading pertinent facts, Randy clarified any questions the Board or residents had.

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Chair Herb Butzke made a motion that the Rowe Board of Health adopt local Septic Regulations effective July 1, 2024. Dan Poplawski seconded the motion (Herb Butzke-aye, Dan Poplawski-aye and Kathy Atwood-aye). Rick Williams and Matthew Stine left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

New Business: There was no new business.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13 pm unanimously

Next meeting: June 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Approved:



Herb Butzke, Chair

Daniel Poplawski



Kathleen Atwood