

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Dan Poplawski, Acting Chair; Kathleen Atwood, Member; Christine Bailey, Admin Assistant

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Dan Poplawski at 6:01 p.m.

**General Business:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2024, meeting.

**FY25 Budget/Payables:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the following FY25 invoices.

Company	Invoice #	Date	Amount
• AL Avery	240924	9/21/24	\$29.56
• FCSWMD	25183	10/3/24	\$50.00
• FCSWMD	25184	10/3/24	\$1,635.90
• FCSWMD	25185	10/3/24	\$1,394.10
• FCSWMD	25186	10/3/24	\$342.02
• Wired West	3668322	10/12/24	\$90.00
• Bostley Sanitary Service	39167	10/14/24	\$75.00
• McKesson	22685688	9/26/24	\$93.64
• McKesson	22685877	9/26/24	\$8.79

FY25 Acct	Account #	7-31-24 Approp	Curr Bal (9/30/24)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
Transfer Station Att	01-512-5140	\$17,663.00	\$ 13,313.20			
TS Att. Training	01-512-5800	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00			
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 3,703.50			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$13,364.00	\$ 10,331.40			
BOH Clerk Training	01-512-5711	\$ 514.00	462.60			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$52,391.00	\$ 40,307.06			
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	\$ 8,846.00	\$ 4,421.40			
Mosquito Control	01-512-5382	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0			
BOH Operations	01-512-5701	\$13,500.00	\$10,267.50			
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,025.99	McKesson 22685688 McKesson 22685877	\$ 93.64 \$ 8.79	\$ 4,922.57
Refuse Gardens	01-512-5708	\$37,503.00	\$27,819.52	AL Avery, 240924 FCSWMD FCSWMD FCSWMD FCSWMD Wired West, 3668322 Bostley Sanitary Service	\$ 29.56 \$ 50.00 \$ 1,635.90 \$ 1,394.10 \$ 342.02 \$ 90.00 \$ 75.00	\$ 24,202.94
FRCOG Health Svs	01-512-5788	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 2,919.00			
OPIOID FUNDS \$90,000	83-512- 4540-83139	\$10,286.29	\$10,286.29			

**Transfer Station:**

- Barlow submitted two quotes for the skimming and paving of the Transfer Station. Quote one was \$6,500.00 for three noted problem areas and Quote two consisted of the skimming and repaving of the entire lot for \$33,000.00. Dan Poplawski asked if we could obtain a quote for only the area in front of the Salvation Army Box, snowblow the other two areas this season. We would then request a Town vote to skim and repave the entire lot next year. Christine will submit the request to Barlow.

- Per Jan Ameen the 5-year MRF extension is approaching with an informational meeting being held in Springfield on October 22, 2024. Due to other commitments, the BOH members would not be able to attend.
- Jan Ameen said the October AMV is \$30.33 a ton, which is almost an \$8 increase, which was due to the dock workers' strike threat

**Nursing Updates:**

Kathy Atwood read the following nurse updates from Rachel Lewis:

- Arbovirus: 333 positive mosquito west nile virus, 96 positive mosquito EEE, 15 positive human WNV and 4 positive human EEE (Middlesex, Plymouth, and Worcester counties). Mosquito borne illness is not eradicated until the first hard frost. Arbovirus testing concluded on October 10, 2024, for the year.
- Flu vaccination is in full force-FRCOG Nurse Lisa White will be coming to Rowe on October 24, 2024, with Covid Booster Vaccines for those who find it difficult to leave home.

**BOH Updates:**

- The Emergency Plan is tabled. This is something that the members will begin working on.

**FRCOG:** The following Well Permit was discussed.

- 100 Pond Road – Mulhearn, Pamela

**SEPTIC PUMPING RECORDS:** The following septic pumping records were discussed.

- 78 Hazelton Road – Gordon, Rosemary
- 49 Hazelton Road – Gordon, Rosemary
- 27 Newell Cross Road – Richardson, Becky
- 370 River Road – Bear Swamp (2)

**Water Testing:**

- Dan read the Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing and the Analytical Laboratory Data Reports – Beach Sampling. All reports were in compliance.

**OPIOID Updates:**

- No updates to report.

**New Business:** Kathy was asked by a Resident if all Short Term Rentals (STRs) were licensed in Rowe. Christine said that FRCOG is working on making sure all licensures were up to date. She will check with Kurt/Randy at FRCOG.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:31 pm Unanimously

Next meeting: **November 6, 2024**

Approved:

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Herb Butzke, Chair

  
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Daniel Poplawski

  
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Kathleen Atwood