

**Town of Rowe FY2016
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2015**

Present: **Board Members:** David Cousineau and Joann Brown. Absent: Chair, Jennifer Morse.
Marcella Stafford Gore, Clerk

Call to Order 6:00PM.

Appointment (s): Town Nurse, Sheila Litchfield to discuss Emergency Planning.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

Minutes for October 1st, 2015 approved and signed.

Warrant(s)/Invoices

Payroll /Warrant(s) #8 approved and signed.

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Logs

David read aloud logs. No action necessary.

Clean Sweep Program

The board reviewed the information for the Clean Sweep Collection Day taking place on October 24th. Flyers announcing the event have been posted.

HEALTH SERVICES

Appointment with Town Nurse, Sheila Litchfield to discuss Emergency Planning.

Ms. Litchfield is concerned that Rowe does not have a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan should a situation arise. She feels there needs to be a stronger presence from the Rowe Emergency Management Director as far as organizing and participating in state wide drills, grant preparation and EDS clinics. The board agrees that better networking needs to be established. Jennifer will send an email to the Selectmen asking to be involved in any meeting including the EMD, Ed May.

EDS

An updated version of the Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Action Plan will be handed out at the October 31st EDS clinic. A rabies clinic will also be on site this year.

Vaccine

Joanne asked why Rowe doesn't have the "Senior High Dose Vaccine":

Ms. Litchfield is not convinced that this vaccine is more effective than what is currently used in the health services office. She stated that high dose vaccine treats three strains while the "normal" dose vaccine treats four; she feels the statistics released by the manufacturer of the high dose vaccine may be inaccurate. Joann stated that residents are being encouraged by their doctors to get the high dose vaccine.

This high dose vaccine would cost over \$15.00 more per dose than what is administered now. Ms. Litchfield will purchase it if the board would like, but her budget would need to be increased. The nurse keeps nasal and injectable vaccine on hand. The town is reimbursed for the injectable and may charge an administrative fee for all other vaccines. Ms. Litchfield must account for each free or insured dose. The state supplied pneumonia vaccine only for people without insurance; she believes her office may see a rise in patients without insurance this year due to the complicated Mass Health process.

David asked how much vaccine goes to waste: Ms. Litchfield replied that last year she administered 300 doses and 20 were left over. She also supplies the school nurse with flu vaccine for staff and students.

PELHAM LAKE

The board received a letter for the Department of Public Health requesting copies of all beach samples, field data reports, closure forms, and permits issued for the 2015 season. Marcella spoke to Bill Pendergast of Housatonic Basin; they will send all required paperwork to the DPH.

Sanitary Survey

On September 17th DEP Rep Douglas Paine conducted an onsite review of water sources at the lake. The report lists time sensitive mandates and actions that will be completed by Housatonic Basin. Marcella will contact them periodically to make sure they will meet the January 1st, 2016 deadline.

PERMITTING

A *Septic Repair* application for 21 Newell Cross Rd (Shippee) was approved and signed. *Permit issued.*

PRIVATE CEMETERY

David conducted a site visit this evening to review the proposed private cemetery plot for the Sue Wood at 19 Stone Road:

He reported that the site meets all town and state guidelines. Marcella was instructed to contact Sue Wood to request a site plan with abutters listed, an abbreviated soil evaluation performed by an approved soil evaluator, and a site plan showing setback distances to any water source within 200 feet.

PUBLIC WATER TESTING

Bacteriological Report

Avery Fountain, the Town Hall and Ranger Station taps were tested on 9/8/15. All locations test results were absent of contaminants.

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TITLE V

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The board received the 137 Leshure Rd (Dunnell) inspection report from Bostley Sanitary Service: *Passes* (insp date 9/30/15)

Pumping Reports

Name	Address	Gals Pumped
Kalaus, W&D	14 Brittingham Hill Rd	1000
Nim Family Trust	33 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	1000
Spratlan, L	38 Middletown Rd	2500

OLD BUSINESS

Golden

Mr. Golden has not been seen on his property lately, he normally comes on weekends. David explained that Mr. Golden bought his land knowing it would not perc and he doesn't want to have it tested.

Jennifer asked why he couldn't have a chemical toilet; David explained that in winter it could freeze causing chemicals to breach the creek. Jennifer would like to speak with Mr. Golden personally. Marcella will see if his telephone number is in his file.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed an email from the Mass DEP regarding proposed changes to Underground Injection Control Regulations. No action necessary at this time.

Adjourned: 6:38pm

next meeting 10/29/15

Approved:

Attachments: none

Jennifer Morse, Chair

David Cousineau

Joann Brown

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Approved: 11/12/15