

**Town of Rowe FY2016
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for December 30th, 2015**

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

Call to Order 6:00PM.

Appointment (s): Lisa Greaney

Ms. Greaney was in to discuss the water test results for her property located at 81 Hazelton Rd.:

*The board reviewed the test results from Howard Laboratories (Hatfield, MA.) all which show levels of copper, lead and manganese above the state **Maximum Contaminant Levels**. Ms. Greaney stated that the water tested was taken from the house spigot. Ms. Greaney is trying to find a water filtration company and David suggested Culligan (Lenox). The board is uncertain of what could be causing the exceeded **MCL**, thoughts were that it could be an issue with the pipes i.e., rust. Jennifer suggested that the board have Lisa Danek Burke look over the test results. Jennifer will ask Ms. Danek Burke to review the test results and contact Ms. Greaney and the board with her findings.*

Paul Hurtig

Mr. Hurtig was in to discuss his well water and its connection:

On December 9th, 2015 the board received a letter from the DEP regarding the contaminated well owned by the town which supplies two Rowe Camp & CC buildings. The DEP suspects this well may also supply Mr. Hurtig's home. While the camp is in the process of abandoning the use of this well it was advised that the board alert Mr. Hurtig that his water may be contaminated, to issue a Boil Water Notice and to suggest he have his water tested. Mr. Hurtig is aware of the well issue and has been working to figure out if he is indeed connected to the contaminated well; he has spoken to town employees, Rowe Camp & CC Executive Director, Felicity Pickett and Tom Lussier of Housatonic Basin. No one is sure how the system connections are laid out. He is not sure if he is on the same pipeline as the camp. Jennifer spoke to Lisa Danek Burke who believes that there are three separate lines. Mr. Hurtig stated that he agreed to an easement with the town when he purchased the property and that the easement is on file. Mr. Hurtig last tested his water over a year ago; Jennifer asked that he test again. He will contact Housatonic Basin to perform the testing and will submit a copy to the board.

*Mr. Hurtig relayed that he cannot shut the water off in his residence; he believes there may be two separate pumps, one for the camp and one for his home. He mentioned that the water meter may be connected to the town hall complex. The board will wait for the test results to determine if Mr. Hurtig's water exceeds any **MCL**.*

GENERAL BUSINESSMinutes

Minutes for December 9th, 2015 approved and signed.

Warrant(s)/Invoices

Invoices approved and signed.

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Logs

Read aloud, no action needed.

Repairs

David reported that he met with Attendant, Jim Lively who suggested that the compactor inspection and repairs should be first priority. Marcella was instructed to contact FCSWMD Executive Director, Jan Ameen to set up an inspection as soon as possible.

Signage

Marcella spoke to Ms. Ameen regarding the signs needed: (Hours of Operation, Caution When Backing Up and Residents Only with Required Sticker) Ms. Ameen suggested the board use the Small Scale Initiative Grant to pay for the signs. The board voted unanimously to do so but only if they would be delivered within the same timetable as using non-grant funding. Marcella was instructed to contact Ms. Ameen to discuss this.

HEALTH SERVICES

Budget Memo

Town Nurse, Sheila Litchfield memo read in part:

“FY16, I estimate that we might provide 150 doses of injectable and 60 doses of nasal spray flu vaccine in FY17, a total of 210 flu shots at a cost of \$3,390. I estimate that all but \$1390 of that amount can be paid for through the vaccine revolving account, a fund that builds by vaccine insurance reimbursements”.

Special Projects

“The draft FY17 Health Services budget includes a request to purchase three types of vaccines for residents that have not been previously provided. Some of the costs for purchase and administration of these vaccines are reimbursable and would go to Vaccine Revolving account. Of the following, the priority would be to provide Hepatitis vaccinations to Rowe First Responders”.

“Pevnar 13 the new pneumonia vaccine, for 30 residents); \$1735.88 for box of 10; 3 boxes (30 doses) costs \$5,207.64

Tetanus/Diphtheris/Pertussis (Tdap and Boostrix) for 50 residents; Adacel (for 10 to 64 yrs. of age); 30 doses costs \$1278.51;

Boostrix (65 yrs. and older) 20 doses is \$1040; combined total of 50 doses for \$2318.51.

TwinRx Hepatitis A and B for 20 of Rowe’s First Responders only ; \$1127.72 per box of 10 doses; 20 doses costs \$2255.44.”

After some discussion the board agreed that the Hepatitis A and B for 20 of Rowe’s First Responders should be taken from their budget and that the other special project vaccines should be voted on as separate article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Marcella will contact the nurse with the board’s decision.

Time Off

A resident called the BOH office with a concern that the health service office was closed for eleven consecutive days. The reason given was that the nurse’s office is a service that resident’s depend upon. The board agreed that they would consider this when approving Ms. Litchfield’s time off requests and work to accommodate both the nurse and the residents.

PRIVATE CEMETERY

Marcella sent a letter to Susan Wood and the Conservation Commission stating that the board voted unanimously to initially approve the Wood’s Family Burial Site. The letter also detailed the remaining requirements.

PUBLIC WATER TESTING

Bacteriological Report

Avery Fountain, the Town Hall and Ranger Station taps were tested on 12/2/15. All locations test results were absent of contaminants.

TITLE V

Pumping Reports

Name	Address	Gals Pumped
Rowe Camp & CC Farmhouse	Kings Hwy	1500
Cascone, N	24 Steele Brook Rd	750
Lesure, L	75 Cross Rd	not noted

Permits

The board approved an application for a Haulers Permit submitted by Greg's Wastewater. Permit issued.

Next meeting 1/7/16

Jennifer Morse, Chair

David Cousineau

Joann Brown

Attachments: DEP Letter re: Hurtig.

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Meeting Closed 7:05pm

Approved: