

**Town of Rowe FY2018
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for August23, 2017**

Present: **Board Members:** Dave Cousineau, Chair, Maggie Rice, Dan Poplawski
Joanne Semanie, Clerk **Conservation Committee Members:** Ramon Sanchez, Mike Phillips, Virginia

Call to Order 6:09 PM by Dave Cousineau

Ramon Sanchez presented their views on the 10 day emergency beaver permit applied for by Beaver Solutions for the breaching of the beaver dam off of Tunnel Rd. They believe the emergency permit is unwarranted due to the fact that the pole in question has been in the middle of that beaver pond since before 2008. Although there isn't currently beaver activity at that particular site the breaching of the dam would change that ecology of the area which includes an endangered species. It was felt that National Grid may need to upgrade the lines on that particular pole and need to go through the regular permitting process beginning with a letter of intent and following through with whatever engineering may be necessary to move the pole or deal with it where it is. The Board voted unanimously to deny the emergency permit.

Minutes for July 19, 2017 approved and signed.

Invoices were reviewed and approved.

Fiscal year balances were reviewed and the decision was made to close all accounts except for the Transfer Station Permanent Repair Account.

TRANSFER STATION

- The log was reviewed.
- The request for weed whacking at the transfer station was addressed. The grasshoppers were unable to do the job and they were done the third week in August. It was decided that one of the attendants will borrow a weed whacker from the DPW and do the job when time permits. In the spring a mower will be purchased for use at the transfer station by the attendants.
- MOUs from FCSWMD were reviewed and signed to be returned to Jan Ameen.
- Flyers for Hazardous Waste Day were received and posted at the Town Hall and Dave will bring them to the Transfer Station.

HEALTH SERVICES

- Sheila requested September 1 and 22 off as vacation days. The request was approved. The Board would like her to make a robocall stating that she will not be in when she takes a day off.
- An email was sent about the EDS Drill on September 30 in Charlemont for Board members that wished to attend.

PERMITS/PUMPING

- A phone call was made to Arthur Grodd about getting an easement in order to move forward with the septic system for Alex Grodd on Pond Rd.
- Joanne worked with Bill Knittle on the food permit. The inspection now needs to be done.

WATER TESTING

- Housatonic Testing results for Pelham Lake Park were reviewed. No issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Bylaw review committee requested any changes we might want to our bylaws. Joanne will pull the bylaws pertaining to the BOH for the next meeting to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Mail/Surveys/Training/Seminars

Information on Radon was received to be made accessible to the residents. An article saying that we have it in our office will be put in the Goalpost.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26 P.M.

Next meeting 9/6/2017 at 6:00

Approved 9/6/2017

David Cousineau, Chair

Dan Poplawski

Maggie Rice