

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Herb Butzke, BOH Chair; Kathleen Atwood and Dan Poplawski, Board Members; Christine Bailey, BOH Clerk & Rachel Lewis, Town Nurse, RN

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for the December 6, 2023.

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

- National Grid, Inv. 231102, dtd 12/6/23; **\$195.99**
- A.L.Avery, Inv. 484139, dtd 12/5/23; **\$24.06**
- W.B.Mason, Inv. 243219701, dtd 12/13/23; **\$46.27**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24301, dtd 12/14/23; **\$225.00**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24196, dtd 12/6/23; **23.75**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24222, dtd 12/7/23; **50.00**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24223, dtd 12/7/23; **\$30.00**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24224, dtd 12/7/23; **\$30.00**
- Wired West, Inv. 3315948 dtd 12/12/23; **\$90.00**
- FCSWMD, Inv. 24292, dtd 12/13/23; **\$2,104.25**
- Kathy Atwood, (3) Title Vs, Inv dtd 12/20/23; **\$135.00**
- McKesson, Inv. 21414909, dtd 12/1/23; **\$46.94**

FY24 Acct	Account #	7-1-23 Approp	Curr Bal (11-25-23)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 3,703.50			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$12,880.00	\$ 8,128.90			
Transfer Station Att'd	01-512-5140	\$16,607.00	\$ 11,082.80			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$43,997.00	\$ 28,252.85			
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	\$ 4,208.50	FCSWMD, Inv. 24292, dtd 12/13/23	\$ 2,104.25	\$ 2,104.25
Mosquito Control	01-512-5382	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0			
BOH Operations	01-512-5701	\$13,500.00	\$ 7,939.02	Kathy Atwood, Title 5, dtd 12/20/23	\$ 135.00	\$ 7,804.02
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 5,232.09	McKesson, Inv. 21414909, dtd 12/1/23	\$ 46.94	\$ 5,185.15
Refuse Gardens Ops	01-512-5708	\$35,050.00	\$20,067.07	Nat'l Grid, Inv. 231102 dtd 12/6/23	\$ 195.99	\$19,871.08
				A.L.Avery, Inv. 484139, dtd 12/5/23	\$ 24.06	\$19,847.02
				W.B.Mason, #243219701, dtd 12/13/23	\$ 46.27	\$19,800.75
				FCSWMD, Inv. 24301, dtd 12/14/23	\$ 225.00	\$19,575.75
				FCSWMD, Inv. 24196, dtd 12/6/23	\$ 23.75	\$19,552.00
				FCSWMD, Inv. 24222, dtd 12/7/23	\$ 50.00	\$19,502.00
				FCSWMD, Inv. 24223, dtd 12/7/23	\$ 30.00	\$19,472.00
				FCSWMD, Inv. 24224, dtd 12/7/23	\$ 30.00	\$19,442.00
				Wired West, Inv. 3315948, dtd 12/12/23	\$ 90.00	\$19,352.00
FRCOG Health Svs	01-512-5788	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 1,480.00			
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.
- Jan Ameen reported the FY24 Recycling AMV & Revenue for November was \$48.38.
- The yearly DEP Grant of \$3,500.00 for RDP Funds were received and direct deposited. These funds can be used for a portion of hauling and improvements at the Transfer Station.

- Jan Ameen submitted for signature the 3rd Party Transfer Station Inspection and Corrective Action Report. The Board reviewed and signed. Christine will mail back original to FCSWMD and post at the Transfer Station. The only corrective action on the report was the repaving of the Transfer Station. Herb will look into the cost and submit a capital improvement request.

FY25 Budget: Herb submitted to the Finance Committee the FY25 preliminary budget. The Transfer Station needed adjustment from 6.1% to 7% primarily due to the upswing of hauling prices.

Septics pumped: The following septic was pumped in the Town:

- 23 Cross Road – Danek

Pioneer Valley 2023 Mosquito Surveillance : The Yearly Report from PV was submitted to BOH for review.

Water Testing: Herb read the Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing reports which were all were in compliance.

Nursing Updates: Rachel said there was an uptick of respiratory illness in the hospital and community, more so than 2 weeks ago. She will request a robo-call reminding people to stay home if sick, take a Covid-19 test, mask if sick, hand washing, get vaccinated, etc. Covid tests are in the Town Hall Foyer for residents. The Massachusetts "Respiratory Illness Dashboard" reported the week of 12/3-12/9/2023: 15.2% of ER visits were for a Respiratory Illness (was 14.1% 2 weeks ago). This is much less than the last few years at this same time of year. (was 23.3% last year this time). **Covid:** There were 4,245 confirmed cases of Covid and 25 deaths (was 19 deaths 2 weeks ago) in the week of 12/3-12/9 (almost double the number of positive cases from 2 weeks ago) in Massachusetts. In Franklin County there have been 25 positive tests during week of 12/3-12/9 (there were 19 cases 2 weeks ago). The wastewater surveillance of Covid has had a significant increase by nearly 3X in the past 2 weeks in Greenfield. **Flu:** In Massachusetts week of November 19, there were 1,522 confirmed cases of Flu and an 'Influenza Like Illness' (ILI) visit rate to health care providers of 2.99%- (was 2.4% 2 weeks ago). This is pretty much on trend from the past few years. Severity of Influenza is considered Moderate right now in many parts of Mass, including Franklin County.


Emergency Preparedness Survey: Rachel compiled data from the emergency preparedness survey- see results template. Will provide to emergency services and town workers who may need the info to help during an emergency. Will be handing out red/green cards to put in people's windows in case of another severe weather event so the services know if (vulnerable) people need to be checked on if there is no phone/means of communication. She said to stay tuned for this (this is COA and police/fire that is doing this). Rachel will be away from Dec 28-Jan 7th (Returning Jan 8th) and will have a robocall to remind folks.

Correspondence: Per BOH request, Rowe counsel (KP Law) drafted a letter to K. L. Marshall, Wilbraham, Lawler & Buba, P.C. in reference to the Yankee Asbestos request. The letter was then sent on December 12, 2023 by Kevin Balawick, Town Clerk.

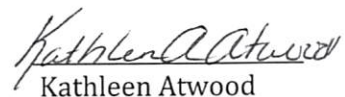
Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 pm unanimously

Next meeting: January 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Herb Butzke, Chair

Daniel Poplawski


Kathleen Atwood