

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:00pm

Via Zoom # 288 065 7034 or in person

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair, Dan Poplawski, Board Member, Joanne Semanie, and Christine Bailey, Health Clerk. Town of Rowe Elementary School Principal, Bill Knittle joined the meeting via zoom and Lydia Brisson, Rowe School Nurse joined the meeting in person at 6:02 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Herb Butzke at the Rowe Town Hall

Rowe Elementary School COVID Protocols: Bill Knittle and Lydia Brisson joined the meeting to discuss updating the school's COVID protocols with current DESE guidelines. Lydia said that there has been an uptick on cases (eight total) at the school involving both children and staff. She said consents were mailed out to all parents for children to be tested, if needed. The following was discussed at the meeting with all in agreement:

1. To update the schools' guidelines on outdoor masking per the DESE and CDC recommendation. This would allow a close contact, symptomatic (with negative test), and returning COVID positive individuals do not need to mask outdoors.
2. To add testing protocols on Day 2, in addition to Day 5, per State guidelines for close contacts.
3. Symptomatic individuals need to be tested immediately, in addition to 48 hours after. If they are negative, they may remain in school, if desired.
4. Classrooms may continue to intermingle indoors and outdoors, of course, masking indoors required for close contacts.
5. Masked students in school should continue to be masked on the bus as well.
6. Close contact and symptomatic individuals must be spaced 6-feet apart at lunch, if possible.
7. Individuals may be exempt from masking and testing even if they are within the 90 days of having COVID or being in close contact.
8. Individuals may return to school on day 6 after COVID and testing negative, but must remain masked until day 10. No person should be vaccinated while having COVID.

Both Mr. Knittle and Ms. Brisson left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2022 meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve all invoices.

Transfer Station

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- Christine ordered a phone through Staples. The cost will be \$64.99.
- Herb will call Jan Ameen to get an update on the concrete that was cracked when the dumpster was being dropped back in place. He will also discuss a Salvation Army box.
- Dan Poplawski will attend the quarterly District Board Meetings. He will reach out to Jan Ameen.

Nurse Updates:

- Rachel said the CPR course was held on September 28, 2022, with 9 people in attendance. It was very informative and successful.

- The first Foot Clinic (Footcare by Nurses) will be held on October 6, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All appointment slots are full. She confirmed all appointments with residents.
- Rachel met with Cheryl Pascucci, Nurse Practitioner from BFMC on October 3, 2022, to discuss extended services in Rowe.
- Rachel said she met with Lydia Brisson, School RN to plan for the October 20, 2022, Flu and Vaccination clinic to be held at the Rowe Elementary School. She has already posted the event in the GoalPost, posted flyers in various locations, and had a Robocall sent out. A sandwich board is posted outside the Town hall. Rachel will visit and vaccinate homebound residents if requested.
- Arbovirus – None to report in Franklin County
- Rachel reported to the group her individual statistics for the month.

Water Testing: Herb reviewed the Housatonic Basin Sampling Testing for Pelham Lake. The levels remain safe.

New Business: *(Unforeseen matters not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting)*

Resident Comments/Questions: *It is requested that residents wait for comments during a meeting until recognized by the Chairperson.*

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 pm unanimously

Next meeting: October 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Herb Butzke, Chair


Daniel Poplawski


Joanne Semante