

**Town of Rowe FY2022
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2022**

Present: Board Members: Maggie Rice, Chair, Herb Butzke, Dan Poplawski

Call to Order 6:00 PM by Maggie Rice in person at the Town Hall

General Business:

- Minutes for January 5, 2022, and January 12, 2022, were reviewed and approved.
- Invoices were reviewed and approved.

Covid Updates: A flyer was posted at the Town Hall in various places of upcoming COVID Testing Sites. It was also posted in the GoalPost, the Town website and on the recent robocall. Maggie has written a return-to-work policy for the Rowe Elementary School, in the event of a positive COVID test. She will be working on a policy for all Town employees. Janice will be assisting and when complete, presenting it to the Board of Selectmen.

There has been a new COVID case reported at the Rowe School. Quarantining is in place. There have been 10 cases to date in the Town of Rowe. Maggie received an email from Lydia Brisson requesting if the playground can hold shared segregated space without masks during recess. The Board decided that due to the recent COVID cases and the upcoming February vacation, to wait until after the break.

Transfer Station:

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed by Dan Poplawski.
- Maggie spoke with Rob Beaumier to begin reporting his Transfer Station Hours and snowstorm hours on different timesheets as the funds come out of separate budgets. Rob will be orienting his wife for back up per diem.
- Maggie said there is a concern with the dump closure in the event of a snowstorm. Herb suggested to send a Robocall and post in the Goal Post that in the event of closure to check the Town website.
- There have been no updates on the Compactor Roof project. Maggie will call J.S. Rae (413) 625-9228).

Septic:

- It was discussed that the following Septics have been pumped:
 - Hamilton – 34 Stone Hill Road
 - Rowe Camp – 312 Zoar Road
- The BOH reviewed and signed a Title 5 Letter to Daniel Timmins and Oona Hart. Christine will mail out a copy via USPS and Certified Return Receipt.
- Maggie received a request for a temporary permit to clean out a house in Rowe. She explained Rowe does not provide dumpsters and they will need to rent one.

Water Testing:

- Maggie contacted Bill Knittle at the Rowe School in reference to Housatonic Basin testing the water at the school. She told Mr. Knittle he needs to have this rectified and completed by February 28, 2022.
- Alex Reisman called the BOH office in reference to picking up a water sample testing kit to test the water at his house. Christine has it ready for pick up in the office.
- Nancee Bershof applied for a well permit at 2 Dell Road

FRCOG:

- Maggie attended an Aging Friendly Community Meeting on February 2, 2022, with 5 in attendance. Discussed were the needs of the 50+ community and different activities that can be offered. A needs assessment survey was posted in the GoalPost. It was also discussed in the possibly of combining surrounding towns.

Old Business:

- Jan Ameen at FCSWMD emailed the FY23 Town of Rowe Budget of \$8323.00.
- The committee asked Christine to repost the RN position for 24 hours/pro-rated benefits in Indeed and the Greenfield Recorder.

Correspondence:

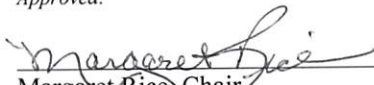
- Discussed the MASS Dept seminars that are available in interested.
- COVID Rapid Testing kits (4 per address) are available at US Postal Service. Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS are now offering free testing.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 pm unanimously

Next meeting 2/16/2022 at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Margaret Rice, Chair


Daniel Poplawski


Herbert Butske