

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 24, 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.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Herb Butzke at the Rowe Town Hall

COVID Updates: Herb read the CPHS – Weekly Report. The level in Franklin County has risen from low to medium. Rowe has had zero infection.

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the August 10, 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.
- Joanne will call Phoebe Walker at FRCOG to review the regulations and obtain a list of contractors. Christine will call Todd Gerry to get a third quote.
- The July recycling revenue for August was \$3.38.

Rowe Elementary School Discussion:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Rowe School COVID procedures per CDC and DESY guidelines. Christine will email Bill Knittle and Lydia Brisson the Boards approval.

Baseline Capacity Assessment: An email was received from Mass.gov on Public Health Excellence (PHE) Grant Program to participate in a Capacity Assessment.

Nurse Updates: Herb read the nursing updates for the week of 8/11/22 – 8/18/2022.

- Totals for the West Nile Arbovirus are now 33 cases (11 new cases since last week). There are no EEE, possibly due to the drought and hot conditions, but possibly promoting the WNV. COVID and Monkeypox remain unchanged in the past week.
- A CPR course being offered to all Town Employees will be held on September 28, 2022 with a potential time of 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- The foot clinic will be held in October. The nurses are finding a suitable date.
- Rachel said it has slowed down a little from the last few weeks. She is seeing around 5-6 patients a day this past week. Totals for August so far: 8 days, 71 patients seen, 8.8 patients/per day. July had an average of 6 patients per day. Seeing patients for similar things per usual; blood tests, blood pressure, wounds, ear and eye concerns, skin rashes, coordination with care and services, general health assessments. Mix between office and home/phone visits with a few younger people throughout the month.
- Rachel met with library staff on August 17, 2022 to discuss a children's first aid course. She will collaborate with library staff to create an interactive first aid/safety course for toddlers and young children and their families for a date TBD this fall. She will create brochures about nursing services offered to residents for the library staff to have available.

Title 5 Inspections: FRCOG has two upcoming inspections with Joanne able to attend both.

- Foshay/Fraley, 19 Ford Hill Road – Scheduled for 9/1/2022 at 9:00 am

- Lenth, 544 Tunnel Road – Tentatively Scheduled for 9/1/2022 at 11:30 am

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) A concerned resident expressed his concern to the BOS on trash items along the roadside outside of 96 Ford Hill Road. Joanne said several residents have had the same concern. Dan expressed concern if the board should be involved at this point since the matter in question was just the trash on the side of the road. Joanne will call Randy at FRCOG inquiring if the BOH has any jurisdiction with an order and/or wellness check.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 pm unanimously

Next meeting: September 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Approved:

Herb Butzke, Chair

Daniel Poplawski

Joanne Semanie