

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members: Herb Butzke, Chair; Dan Poplawski and Kathleen Atwood, Board Members; and Christine Bailey, BOH Clerk; Randy Crochier, FRCOG and Ramon Sanchez, Town Resident

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Joining the meeting was Randy Crochier of FRCOG and Town Resident Ramon Sanchez.

FRCOG: Land owners on Pond Road were inquiring about an unofficial perk test. Randy said there is no such thing as you can never use the area that was “perked” for a future septic. Christine spoke with the homeowners daughter and suggested she call FRCOG and apply for a perk test. Ramon said he had been working with them as they had the property delineated. Herb reminded the group that perk tests for new dwelling can only be done in the months of March through May. Ramon left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

The group discussed the BOH by-laws and the BOH regulations. Randy said the regulations are redundant and some items are outdated. We can change the regulations if we felt necessary to retain but in order to change the by-laws it would require a town meeting.

The “tiny house” trailer at 285 Zoar Road was discussed again as now there is a propane tank on the property. Randy said the Board’s next step, would to have the residents served by the Warden instructing them to obtain occupancy approval from the Town’s Board of Health.

General Business:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2023, meeting.

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

- **Housatonic Basin** – Inv H2309-155, dtd 9/30/23; \$155.00
- **Housatonic Basin** – Inv 2309-157, dtd 9/30/23; \$420.00
- **Housatonic Basin** – Inv H2309-158, dtd 9/30/23; \$340.00
- **Housatonic Basin** – Inv H2309-159, dtd 9/30/23; \$155.00

FY24 Acct	Account #	7-1-23 Approp	Curr Bal (7-1-23)	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
BOH Stipends	01-512-5141	\$ 4,938.00	\$ 4,938.00			
Clerk Wages	01-512-5142	\$12,880.00	\$12,880.00			
Transfer Station Att’d	01-512-5140	\$16,607.00	\$16,607.00			
Town Nurse	01-512-5143	\$43,997.00	\$43,997.00			
Physician Stipend	01-512-5144	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Snow Removal	01-512-5145	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Hazardous Waste Col	01-512-5290	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
FCSWMD Assess	01-512-5300	\$ 8,417.00	\$ 4,208.50			
Mosquito Control	01-512-5382	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0			
BOH Operations	01-512-5701	\$13,500.00	\$10,235.50	HTSB, Inv H2309-155, dtd 9/30/23 HTSB, Inv H2309-157, dtd 9/30/23 HTSB, Inv H2309-158, dtd 9/30/23 HTSB, Inv H2309-159, dtd 9/30/23	\$ 155.00 \$ 420.00 \$ 340.00 \$ 155.00	\$ 9,165.50
Health Sv Ops	01-512-5703	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 5,464.04			
Refuse Gardens Ops	01-512-5708	\$35,050.00	\$26,716.25			
FRCOG Health Sv Ops	01-512-5788	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 2,919.00			

Transfer Station:

- The Transfer Station logs were reviewed and read by Dan Poplawski.
- The BOH was awarded grant monies of \$3,500.00 from the RDP (Recycling Dividend Program).
- The concrete fix was completed by Josh Jones this past week.
- Christine ordered one Refuse Garden Gate Opener. Herb will be checking into possibly programming it so we can purchase and distribute new openers. Some of the remotes are getting worn/cracked.
- Christine has scheduled the removal of the two large pine trees outside the Refuse Garden's gate for week of October 9, 2023. She has already processed the payment to Niles Tree Service.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve to pay Hastie Fence to fix the link fence at the Refuse Gardens in the amount of \$2,340.00. Payment will be taken from the RDP funds.
- Christine spoke with Brooke to have Gerry Ferguson (Maintenance) fix the broken light socket at the Refuse Gardens.

BOH Concerns:

- Opioid funds/money: Christine filed the required reports to the State of MA. She is in contact with the Attorney General's office to file the appropriate forms for payment.

Water Testing:

- Herb reviewed the Housatonic Basin Sampling Testing reports. All levels remain safe.

Nursing Updates: Kathy Atwood read the Nurses report:

- Individual Statistics: September: 10 days worked, 98 patients seen, 85 patients were 65+. So far in October- 2 days worked, 30 patients seen and 28 have been 65+ (busy October so far!).
- Arbovirus: 161 cases of WNV reported in Mosquitoes (14 new cases since last week) and 23 EEE cases (5 new cases since last week). Still 3 human cases of WNV (no new cases). Rowe is at 'Low risk' for WNV and EEE.
- Covid/Flu Clinic Update: The Clinic is scheduled for October 12th from 11-3. More robo calls will go out, posted in Goal Post and on the sandwich sign out front of Town Hall. Rachel encouraged all folks to Pre-register, which is required, to make sure you get a dose of whatever you want.
- Many flu shots have been given out already and Rachel will advertise doses after the clinic.

Correspondence: N/A

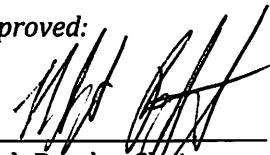
New Business: N/A

Resident Comments/Questions: N/A

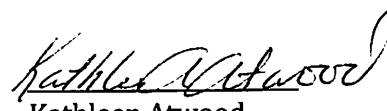
Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm unanimously

Next meeting: October 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Approved:


Herb Butzke, Chair


Daniel Poplawski


Kathleen Atwood