

BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

Attendance: Chair Bob Brazeau, Vice Chair Cory Howard, Dick Skinner, Dave Balbi, Maryellen Brisbois, Agnieszka Podstawka Public Nurse, Kristin Harris Administrator

Bob Brazeau called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

1. (0:40 TS) Transfer Station
  - Compactor B – The compactor is broken and not compacting fully so Ms. Harris called Gary to come out and look at it.
  - Training – Ms. Harris is trying to put a full training together for the employees at the transfer station. They discussed back and forth the need and the details of the training and that they would need to probably have it at the Municipal center and have Human Resources present. The Board will set up training soon for the transfer station employees on either a Monday or a Wednesday.
  - Stickers – 133 have been sold to date.
  - Tire Day – The tires are gone.
  - Radios – A discussion was held on the price for the radios and the options of what should be purchased. Ms. Harris received a price of \$300 from the company used by the town. The Board agrees that the \$300 ones are probably more reliable and will last longer.
  - Batteries – The company that has been picking up the batteries at no cost, is now charging \$90/box. On average there are about two boxes a month.
  - Security Cameras – If it is okay to wait until April, IT can get the cameras and it will come out of the IT budget. The Board decided to wait for April.
  - Annual Town Wide Clean Up Day – This event takes place every year and everybody is welcomed to participate. Supplies are provided (gloves, bags, pickers). The event takes place on April 20, 2024 and will meet at the highway barn.
2. (24:15 TS) Landfill – repair update  
Ms. Harris stated that Bruce found a surveyor, the cost is \$4,400.00 which was approved by the Finance Committee, so they are going forward with getting it surveyed. Bruce is charging \$8,600.00 for his work, this will have to go to Town Meeting for approval.
3. (34:20 TS) Public Health Nurse – update  
There has been a rise in flu cases, Ms. Podstawka has ordered more COVID tests from the state because they are going pretty fast. The trailer had a leak in the roof, Ms. Podstawka covered it with a tarp, and it will be repaired at no cost to the town. She has ordered more shelves for the storage room that were approved.
4. (38:15 TS) Hiring of Regional positions for BVPPH – discussion  
Danielle took another position. The BVPPH interviewed people for two days last week to fill two positions. The towns as a whole offered the position of helping to find resources for the public to an applicant and they have accepted the position. There was another applicant interested in the same position, but they offered him Danielle's job as health inspector and he asked for a couple of days to decide if he wants the health inspector position.
5. (41:45 TS) Health Agent – update  
Dan is going on a health and safety inspection for low-income apartment at Haywood Landing
6. (42:50 TS) Review Bills/Warrants
7. (43:35 TS) Approval of Minutes 11/13/23 and 11/27/23

(43:45 TS) Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2023, and November 27, 2023 as written made by Dick Skinner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Balbi. Maryellen Brisbois abstained; all other members voted in favor.

8. (44:05 TS) Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of This Meeting.

Ms. Harris spoke with Irene about the pay as you throw that has been discussed in the past. Ms. Harris feels it's worth looking into and Irene is willing to talk to them about it, she has 157 communities that participate in the program. It is beneficial to the communities, and they can get grant money to help. This would be to help regulate recycling going into the compactor and other items that shouldn't go. The Board discussed back and forth the pros and cons and their thoughts on this. They would lower the sticker price and residents would pay for bags. The Board agrees to meet and talk with Irene about the process.

Mr. Brazeau said he talked with Bob Minarik about the location of the compactors and keeping it the way they are doesn't work for unloading because they have to be able to circle around the container. Mr. Brazeau would rather keep it the way it is and do the loading from the front and put the driveway in the back. Mr. Brazeau said that Mr. Minarik is going to help them with the process, and he is going to meet with him and anybody who wants to come along is welcome.

Upcoming meeting: April 1, 2024

(1:01:00 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Balbi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Skinner. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin