

BOARD OF HEALTH
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

Attendance: Chair Bob Brazeau, Dick Skinner, Maryellen Brisbois, Dave Balbi, Agnieszka Podstawka Public Nurse, Kristin Harris Admin

Absent: Vice chair Cory Howard

Bob Brazeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. (0:35 TS) Tobacco Violation – EZ Mart

Joan Hamlet director of the Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance, which Douglas joined in June of 2020, went over what they do for the town. She went over the violation that happened on February 10, 2024, and handed out the letter that went out in the mail and a copy was also hand delivered and signed to all the stores stating that they cannot sell Gold Fusion. Ms. Hamlet went over the fine with the Board and the store manager and how the state law prohibits the sale of certain products and why. Tonya the EZ Mart manager spoke about the violation and how the purchase of the product was an accident, she has also had problems with asking the vendors to come and pick up the illegal product. She said that the states regulations are confusing. There was an extensive discussion back and forth about the violation between Ms. Hamlet and Tonya. Ms. Hamlet stated that the company paid the violation taking responsibility for it which means the 2-day from the previous violation has to be served and for a second offence of a state violation the Board can choose to decide on a minimum of one day or up to 7 days so it would be a minimum total of 3 day suspension (maximum of 9 days) and explained to the Board what a third violation would look like. Ms. Hamlet stated that she has had conversations with Tonya about taking a proactive approach and helping her understand what they cannot sell and get her in compliance.

(51:30 TS) Motion to suspend the license for 3 days that are required (2 days from the previous violation and 1 day from current violation) and the remaining 6 days to be continued without a finding pending no other violations in a 36-month period (starting February 10, 2024), with the condition that the store goes through the education for compliance for products made by Dick Skinner, 2nd by Dave Balbi. The dates agreed upon for the suspension are April 19, 20 & 21. The vote passed unanimously.

2. (57:00 TS) Transfer Station

- (57:15 TS) FY25 Contract – B-P Trucking

The Board is doing another contract with them for another year because they don't know what direction they are going with the compactors right now. The Board discussed pulling together a three-year contract for when the 1-year contract is up and having them help do the layout at the transfer station. Bob Brazeau is going to contact B-P Trucking about the 3-year contract.

- (1:05:35 TS) Septic System Pumping – Mr. Skinner got a price of \$450, and it hasn't been pumped in 30 years.

(1:05:50 TS) Motion to have the septic system at the transfer station pumped made by Dave Balbi, 2nd by Maryellen Brisbois.

- (1:06:10 TS) Stickers – They have sold 1100 and are still selling.

- (1:08:00 TS) Radios – They discussed the radios and Mr. Skinner thought that Ms. Harris was going to order them. They did not get ordered yet because there was still a discussion about what ones were going to purchase and they decided on four radios total.
- (1:14:00 TS) Batteries – The Board discussed referring people to bring the batteries to Staples instead of having a drop-off in town hall.
- (1:15:55 TS) Security Cameras – The parts are \$600, and camera is \$300 for two cameras. The Board discussed the camera system and what it would look like as far as access to the feed.

(1:19:55 TS) Tonnages – They discussed the tonnages and one that was delivered to the transfer station already half filled with cardboard and BP stated that they would credit them and to just use the compactor.

3. (1:22:35 TS) Landfill Repair Update – They paid Bruce the \$4,400 for the plan survey, and they discussed the next steps in the process of this project and \$8,600 for the work done by Bruce and they discussed what that work is. They will ask for the \$8,600 at the Special Town Meeting.
4. (1:27:55 TS) Public Health Nurse – Update (Public Health Officer Job Description) – Ms. Podstawka updated the Board on the new title of Public Health Officer and the job description, and that the town needs inspectors. She is taking classes to be certified, but per the Town Administrator an employee cannot have two job titles. Her position as Public Nurse and Health Inspector must be combined so the title must change to allow her to do both positions. Her hours will not change.
5. (1:35:00 TS) Hiring of Regional Positions for BVPPH - Update – They just hired someone today who will basically be the town's social worker connecting people to resources.
6. (1:36:40 TS – Health Agent – No update but expecting to get busy soon for the summer. They discussed come classes and trainings.

Upcoming Meeting: May 6, 2024

(1:44:05 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Balbi, 2nd by Maryellen Brisbois. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin