

BOARD OF HEALTH
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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

Bob Brazeau called the meeting to order.

1. (0:10 TS) EEE – Discussion – The Board discussed the spraying and voiced some concerns about the effect on it to residents with animals.
2. (5:00 TS) Animal Regulations – Discussion – Cory Howard stated he will not be a part in the discussion until the form is signed. The Board discussed when it should be implemented and that it should go in the census to make residents aware of it. Sheila Turner, Laurel Glades asked about the livestock owners and voiced her concerns about the noise especially with her neighbors' chickens and wanted to know what will be included in the bylaw. The Board discussed what the best way to get the notice out to the public on the keeping of livestock in the town and went over some of the possible regulations the Board can decide on and what to decide on regarding fines.
3. (50:30 TS) Transfer Station – The Board discussed the fees on items, specifically bulk items and talked about a yearly increase and what they should be. Kristin Harris will look into the surrounding towns and what they are charging for specific items.

(55:40 TS) Dick Skinner joined the meeting.

The Board discussed having the transfer station workers come in and talk about their ideas they think will help make the Transfer Station run smoother.

4. (1:01:30 TS) Public Health Nurse – update
There have been a lot calls (and emails) about EEE, Douglas is at a critical level. There have been no mosquitos that have tested positive in town but because of other criteria with the surrounding towns, the level was raised. Ms. Podstawka met with 4 other critical surrounding towns (Webster, Oxford, Dudley, and Sutton) regarding EEE and together as a group wrote a letter of recommendations for the towns and their residents. Ms. Podstawka attended an emergency meeting with the state via Zoom as well. The state decided to spray the towns in critical condition that are not part of the Mosquito Control. Ms. Podstawka stated that she is working with the library and fire department to offer free classes in the library for the residents, to bring the community together. In the Fall we will be offering 2 classes, the first is "Until Help Arrives" which will go over how to call 911 for the kids and also families with children. It will also go over how to use a fire extinguisher; it will be a hands on training. Ms Podstawka ordered more Covid Tests for the residents. They were shared with the library and fire department. There is free tests as well in the hallway at the Municipal Center.
5. (1:07:45 TS) BVPP – Update
Emily, the new inspector for the BVPPH gave an update on what she has been working on. She stated that she trying to get all the food trucks inspected for Octoberfest, prior to the event. She is also dealing with a housing complaint, a discussion was held. She is also catching up with food establishments. Mr. Brazeau stated that he would like to be

involved with the housing inspections when Emily goes. Emily stated that New Hot Wok had a good inspection, they did have some violations, but at the re-inspection everything had been corrected. The Picket Fence does need a 2nd re-inspection, because they hadn't fixed anything. The backdoor to the kitchen has a hole in the screen and flies are coming in. Also, the middle school called with a concern about mold in the kitchen. She spoke with the Superintendent. Saturday and Sunday they had mold remediation in the kitchen and now it is gone. The Superintendent wanted to know if they needed an air quality test before school started. Emily spoke to MDPH and they said that it does not need to be tested. The Superintendent handled it properly and it was taken care of immediately.

6. (1:14:20 TS) Health Agent – update

The one place that Bob Brazeau visited has cleaned it up so nothing new to report.

7. (1:14:40 TS) Review bills/warrants

8. (1:15:25 TS) Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dick Skinner asked to go back to discuss animal regulations and had questions about the draft regulations for the bylaw. Mr. Skinner went through them and gave his suggestions for changes or additions.

Upcoming Meeting: September 30, 2024

(1:40:55 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Balbi, 2nd by Cory Howard. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin