

BOARD OF HEALTH
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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

Absent: Dick Skinner, Maryellen Brisbois

Bob Brazeau called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

1. (0:15 TS) 4 Summer Street Waiver Request – Margaret Bacon
Margaret Bacon has a plan for the Board and stated that a system had been put in back in 2016 which was an infiltrator low profile system which seem to be having a high rate of failure. The proposed plan for the septic is the existing septic tank and pump chamber will stay down next to the house and they will remove the profile infiltrators and put in a Presby system. There is still the issue of the well because of the lot sizes there is no way to stay 100 feet away. Ms. Bacon was contacted by one of the neighbors a Mr. Norman and he has concerns about the wells and Ms. Bacon stated that the last time this came up they had the wells tested preconstruction and she also recommends having them tested again a year later so they can tell if things get worse. The closest well is the applicants well at 52 feet away one of the neighbors, Mr. Norman is about 80 feet away, the other neighbor is about 95 feet away.
(13:25 TS) Motion to accept the waiver being requested to reduce the minimum setbacks to the abutting wells contingent upon water test for the wells for a baseline and a year from now made by Cory Howard, 2nd by Dave Balbi. The vote passed unanimously.
2. (14:45 TS) Hannah Rosenkrantz – Single Use Plastics
Hannah Rosenkrantz did a presentation on the different types of plastics and how they affect the environment and the health risks. She went over the current states that have bans on certain plastics and she is asking to ban the use of all plastics and polystyrene take out containers and cups and single use plastic bags and to request if not mandate the use of biodegradable alternatives. She handed out the legislation that the state of Vermont passed. Mr. Balbi asked if there has been any discussion on the economic impact of the implementation of this. She stated that the little bit of research she has done it is more expensive to use biodegradable alternatives. The Board discussed this change and feel it is a good idea but feel like it should be more of a gradual phased in implementation and ask the establishments in the town for their opinion on it as well and more research needs to be done on the Board of Health side. The Board decided to add it to the agenda going forward for discussion and to work on a possible implementation of some sort of ban for the town.
3. (29:20 TA) Transfer Station – Discussion
Mr. Brazeau stated that Matt Wojcik would like to move forward in looking into getting new compactor bins for the transfer station. The Board discussed how to fit them and what would need to be adjusted for the drop off of trash and placement.
 - Tonnages – The Board went over the tonnages, and they look great. The Board discussed a different company that wants to place clothes bins and pay the town for allowing the bins.
 - Tire Day – They collected \$1,072.00. Final Tire count will take place tomorrow.
4. (49:05 TS) Public Health Nurse – Update
At the end of October Kristin Harris and Agnieszka Podstawka attended the two and half day MHOA conference in the Cape and attended all the public health sessions. November 3 there

was a COVID 10 clinic at the Douglas elementary school through the state contracted vendor. Ms. Podstawka is still waiting to hear the number of people that attended the clinic. They have also requested some shelves for the EDS storage room to get boxes off the floor. The request was approved for the shelves for \$1000.00 and they are waiting for them to be shipped. The sharps collection program is going well. The state has provided some more free COVID tests.

5. (55:55 TS) Health Inspector – Update

The Board discussed the Chinese restaurant, and they discussed having them come in for an update.

6. (58:35 TS) Review Bills/Warrants – Reviewed.

7. (58:50 TS) Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

Mr. Balbi met with the high school principal, and he signed the use of the high school for the EDS site, and he is fully on board if they want to do a drill in the next year. Mr. Balbi explained what a drill would look like to Board.

Ms. Harris spoke to Bruce about the landfill about the water issue and he contacted a couple of surveyors and received two prices of \$4,800.00 and \$4,400.00 just for the surveying, so they have to go to the finance meeting on the 12th to see about getting the money for that.

Upcoming Meeting: November 27, 2023

(1:07:10 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Balbi, 2nd by Cory Howard. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin