

BOARD OF HEALTH
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
RESOURCE 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 pm.

1. (0:30 TS) Animal Regulations – Discussion

Corey Howard went over the purpose of the animal regulations and the importance of them, and to counter some false rhetoric that was posted on Facebook regarding the regulations. Mr. Howard explained the point of the animal census that went out to the residents and the point of this discussion is to get input from the public to pull the regulations together to be for the town and the animal owners in town. Mr. Howard responded to the public's questions about the regulations, the animal inspector, the permits that have been talked about, the question of the 'right to farm' town (which Douglas is not a right to farm town). Mr. Howard wanted to make it clear that he is trying to have these regulations written in a way to make sure the residents that have and want to have animals are allowed to have them. One resident asked about having an educational class for farm animal owners so that there is no need for fines. There were suggestions to post animal information for educational purposes on the town website and also to form a subcommittee for the animal regulations. The Board is going to add this to the next agenda to be able to vote to form a subcommittee.

2. (1:18:25 TS) Transfer Station – Discussion

There were a couple transfer station employees discussing some of the issues at the transfer station, including old containers. The stickers are due March 1, and they are not going to extend a grace period for that. They have found that because there is no check point for entry with stickers there are people that come through with no sticker. They discussed putting together a better way to operate the station.

- Sticker update – The stickers are up to 96
- Security Cameras update
- Tonnages – they discussed the tonnages looking good.
- Solid Waste Contract – this is coming up
- True/False – Dick Skinner – there is a quiz station set up in front of the BOH office in the hall

3. (1:45:20 TS) Health Agent – Update – No updates to report.

4. (1:45:30 TS) Public Health Nurse update – There are a lot of people with the flu, and many people are doing the sharp containers.

5. (1:46:45 TS) Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2023 & December 9, 2024

(1:47:10 TS) Motion to approve the October 16, 2023, meeting minutes as written made by Dick Skinner, 2nd by Cory Howard. The vote passed unanimously.

(1:47:30 TS) Motion to approve the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes as written made by Dick Skinner, 2nd by Cory Howard. The vote passed unanimously.

6. (1:47:45 TS) Review bills/warrants

They reviewed and signed the bills and warrants to be paid.

(1:49:25 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dick Skinner, 2nd by Maryellen Brisbois. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin