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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – December 14, 2022 | 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Alan Greenberg – BOH Chairman
Tom Fichtner – BOH Vice-Chairman
Joyce Gilmore – BOH Member
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. | Health Admin.

Not Present: N/A

Meeting Location: Remote via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

At 7:07 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension.

Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and begins with the 1st Item on tonight's agenda.

1st Item on Agenda 18 Inman Hill Road

Jack received an email from Mass DEP that alleges the property is a Residential property with a Commercial Business on site with a Roll-Off Dumpster adjacent to the Conservation Land and Quissett Wild Life Conservation that is allowing other businesses to dump their materials into the dumpster. The DEP is concerned with the contaminated water exiting the dumpster and impacting the surrounding soils. Jack sent a letter of tonight's meeting to the Property Owner for their participation, and forwarded a copy of the DEP email to the Conservation Committee and also to the Zoning Dept.

Jack recognizes that Rick Pisano, the property owner, is online in the meeting, and Chairman Greenberg calls on them for their comments.

Rick Pisano acknowledges the DEP complaint, and since then has complied with the Board of Health's recommendations about getting signed up on the Towns Trash/Recycling Program and also putting dumpsters on the properties that are being worked on, instead of having 1 dumpster on the property for them to bring debris to. But the property owner believes that the complainant is erroneously providing misinformation.

Jack acknowledges Ticia Low, who lives across from the property, is the one who is concerned about the contaminated water exiting the dumpster and impacting the surrounding soils.

Rick said that Ticia has his phone number and if there is an issue, she should call him and they should be able to work it out together. Ticia said she would do that.

Chairman Greenberg said to Rick that he should get a copy and read the Dumpster Regulations and familiarize himself with them as they will go in effect as of January 1, 2023. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for the participation and wants to move on to the next Agenda topic.

- 2nd Item on Agenda** CMRK Textiles Donation Update
Jack updates the Board on how many home pickups have been completed with utilizing CMRK textile donations. The average is 16 home pickups per month.
- 3rd Item on Agenda** Green Team Junk Removal
Jack updates the Board about GreenTeam Junk Removal as a vendor that would be an option for Mendon Residents to utilize them for the Mattress/Boxspring removal as they would be cheaper than EL Harvey. The Board is good with adding GreenTeam as another provider for a bulk hauler.
- 4th Item on Agenda** Senior Discount for FY2024 Update
Jack updates the Board that the returned Census will be the key factor in obtaining the Senior Discount on the Trash/Recycling program and that it has been posted on the Website.
- 5th Item on Agenda** Hazardous Waste Day 2022 Follow-Up
Jack updates the Board of the Hazardous Waste Day event, and compares 2022 event with the 2 prior year events.
- 6th Item on Agenda** Health Agent & Animal Inspector Vacancy Update
Jack updates the Board that a Draft of the Job Description for the Health Agent has been completed. After speaking with the Blackstone Valley Collaborative, there is a possibility of a Vendor called Mojin Municipalities, that could provide the Food Inspection services for a cost. But Jack is looking for guidance on next steps for the position.
- Chairman Greenberg suggests sending the Draft to HR for their review and any suggestions and get their blessing on it before advertising. Tom agrees that getting the HR Approval would be key and to get it advertised as quickly as possible.
- 7th Item on Agenda** Dumpster Permit Application Format
Jack mentions that with the Dumpster Regulations going into effect in January, that a Permit for the Dumpsters needed to be drafted. Jack gave the Board a Draft of the Temporary Dumpster Permit for their review and approval.
- Chairman Greenberg likes some of the information that other Towns are using and would like to incorporate some of that information into Mendon's Permit. Joyce and Tom agree. Jack will format accordingly and resend for another review from the Board.
- 8th Item on Agenda** Title V Failure Compliance Protocols
Jack asked the Board for guidance on what steps need to be done once a Title 5 Inspection Report comes back as a Failure. Jack said he found a letter that Missy would send out to the property owner, but wondering if there was more to be done. After discussion, the Board said a Letter to the property owner acknowledging the Board of Health is aware of the Failure and request their response on how they plan to fix the failure.
- Jack updates the Board that 9 Main Street is progressing with the septic system installation. There was a delay in getting the Well decommissioned on the property, but that has since been completed, and a new well will be installed.
- Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to the next topic.

9th Item on Agenda

Lake Nipmuc Association Update

Joyce informs the Board that she is working on getting a Lake Nipmuc Panel together. Joyce attended the last Lake Nipmuc Association Meeting and is looking to get the septic systems around the lake identified, records of the pumping systems, and possibly implementing a plan to put dye into the septic systems to check their integrity. Dan Byer, the Director of the Parks & Recreation Dept. suggests doing a mailing to the abutters of Lake Nipmuc asking for pumping records of their systems. Dan suggests increasing the BOH Budget to do additional testing around the lake, and not just in the beach area.

Tom agrees, that from a local perspective, that the BOH has a responsibility to ensure the septic systems around the lake are functioning properly. Its better to find out now of a system failing or in the process of failing, to fix it before it's too late.

Chairman Greenberg wanted to mention that it may not only be septic's causing high levels of E.coli, but other areas such as stormwater run-off. Tom agrees with Joyce that dye testing would be good, at a minimum, to validate the health of the lake and the working condition of the septic systems.

Chairman Greenberg asks Joyce to look into when it would be best to do the dye testing. Joyce said she had left messages with David Boyer from DEP to get more information on the dye testing process, but has not heard back.

Chairman Greenberg suggests that Joyce continue with gathering information on the Dye Testing and that the Board continues working on gathering the information from those abutting Lake Nipmuc regarding the septic systems.

Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone else had comments on this topic. No one responded. Chairman Greenberg moves on to the next Agenda item.

10th Item on Agenda

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours prior to meeting NONE

The Board sets its next meeting for January 4th at 6:30pm.

Chairman Greenberg calls for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Tom makes the motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting. Joyce seconds the motion. The motion is passed. **Roll call vote: Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye, Gilmore-Aye.**

Meeting is ended at 9:52 PM.