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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – June 8, 2022 | 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES APPROVED
By Board of Health on
FEBRUARY 01, 2023

Not Present: None

Meeting Location: [REMOTE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS](#)

At 7:02 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension. Also, in on the meeting, Mike Szczepan from EL Harvey, and the Mendon Agriculture Commission.

Chairman Fiske thanks Jack, and begins the meeting with the 1st Agenda Item.

1st Item on Agenda Discussion on Trash/Recycling Services
Chairman Fiske thanks Mike for joining. Mike thanks the Board for extending the contract for another year. Chairman Fiske asks Tom if he had anything for this Topic. Tom inquired about the future services of the trash industry, specifically on how recycling would work with the new contract for the upcoming FY2024. Mike responded that he would like to see the entire process being automated. With full automation, that would cut down on workers comp claims. Also would like to see single stream recycling. Chairman Fiske thanks Mike for that information and asks Alan if he had anything to add to this topic. Alan just wanted to reiterate his thanks for EL Harvey services and is anxious to see some preliminary numbers for the upcoming FY2024 contract. Chairman Fiske thanks Alan, and wanted to confirm that the Shredding Truck is available for the Town Hazardous Waste Day that is scheduled for Saturday – November 19th. Mike confirmed it was scheduled on that day. Chairman Fiske thanks Mike for the confirmation and moves to the next topic.

2nd Item on Agenda E.L. Harvey Scholarship Award
Chairman Fiske wanted to make sure that the Scholarships were still being processed. Mike said they have the two \$500 Checks ready to go and should be received by the Board by the beginning of next week. Chairman Fiske thanks Mike for that information and for his time joining tonight's meeting. Chairman Fiske moves to the next topic.

3rd Item on Agenda Mendon Agriculture Committee - Noise Issues Surrounding Roosters
Chairman Fiske asked who from the Agricultural Commission is on for tonight's meeting. Ellen Gould responded that she was on along with Zachary Pelc and Jane Belleville. Ellen Gould stated that she sent the Board of Health a Draft of a Rooster Application and a Rooster Permit for the Town of Mendon. Chairman Fiske thanks Ellen for the documents and asks Tom for his input. Tom thanks the Agricultural Commission for their due diligence on the issue. Tom agrees that something should be done regarding the rooster noise issue. Ellen just wanted to mention that the documents do not pertain to those who are considered "Right to Farm Law", but really geared to those on small plots of land. Tom thanks Ellen for the clarification and just wanted to get more information on the "Hearings" portion. Ellen said she really just threw a lot together to get the Boards input

about what should and should not be included in the Application Process. Tom asked if they new how many issues are in the Town of Mendon, and Ellen responded that they really don't know since there was not a process to track them. Tom asked if the process was moving forward, would it be retro-active to those who already have roosters? Ellen said there would be a grace period, but eventually, everyone who would have a rooster on their property, that is not Right to Farm properties, would need to apply for the Permit. Chairman Fiske suggests that everyone, regardless of how long they have had a rooster, should complete an application for a Permit. Chairman Fiske asks Alan if he had any input on this topic. Alan said he did not. Chairman Fiske thanks everyone for their input and moves on to the next topic.

4th Item on Agenda

Update on Hazardous Waste Day

Jack said he has the contract from Clean Harbors to secure the date of November 19th just needs the BOH Approval. Chairman Fiske said he would be in the Office to sign off.

5th Item on Agenda

Health Inspection Food Permits

Jack asks the Board about all the Food Permit Applications, if it would be okay if the Health Agent providing the Review and Inspection of each permit, allow them to sign off on the Permit, instead of the Board of Health Members, just to keep the process free flowing. Chairman Fiske agrees it would be better and asks Tom and Alan for their input. Tom also agrees as it would streamline the process. Alan also agrees, anything to make the process more efficient. Jack asks for a motion from the Board.

Alan makes the motion to allow the Food Inspector sign off on the Food Permits.

Tom seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Fiske-Aye, Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner - Aye.

6th Item on Agenda

Update on Tobacco Enforcement

Jack informs the Board that he has been in touch with Jodie Brighenti, who does the Tobacco Inspections, and asked her for a description of services on what's involved with the inspections, so that he can present it to the Board and the Town Administrator. Chairman Fiske thanks Jack and asks Alan and Tom if they had any input. Tom did not. Alan did not. Chairman Fiske moves on to next topic.

7th Item on Agenda

Update on VNA Contract

Jack updates the Board that he has the FY2023 VNA Contract. Same services offered with no price difference. Chairman Fiske said he would be in the Office to sign off. Alan mentioned to make sure that the Flu Clinics are scheduled. Jack will confirm with the VNA.

**** TOPIC(S) NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING ****

Chairman Fiske mentioned that he spoke to a neighbor of his, that told him that the Pink Bag Recycling Program was not in service anymore. Chairman Fiske asked everyone if they know about this. Alan, Tom and Jack had no knowledge of it not being in service. Jack said he would reach out to the Pink Bag Program to find out what's going on.

Chairman Fiske also wanted to bring up from the last BOH Meeting about restructuring the Board and asked Tom for his input. Tom said he's good with the Board as is. So, it is unanimous to leave the Board as is.

Tom wanted to bring to the Boards attention that the Harvey Scholarship applications, the Board has only received 1 application. Chairman Fiske asked if had been advertised. Tom believes it had been advertised, but not sure. Alan mentioned that the Brothers of the Brush Organization, has also received very low interest in the scholarships. Chairman Fiske asked what should be done with the other \$500 scholarship. Jack said he spoke to

Missy about this and it was recommended that the BOH Keep the unclaimed \$500 scholarship and offer three \$500 Scholarships the following fiscal year, since only 1 would be given out this fiscal year. Chairman Fiske says that's a good idea. Alan is concerned if we kept the unclaimed \$500, where would the money be parked, so it doesn't go into the General Funds, so it doesn't get lost. Recommends asking the Town Accountant to find out how to do this. Jack will look into the process.

The Board has set its next meeting date for Wednesday, June 22nd at 7 PM.

Chairman Fiske calls for a Motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting:

Alan makes the motion to adjourn the BOH Meeting. Tom seconds the motion.

The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Fiske-Aye, Greenberg-Aye, Fichtner-Aye.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:16 PM.