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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – September 21, 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.

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
MAY 24, 2023

Not Present: N/A

Meeting Location: Remote via Microsoft Teams

At 7:03 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension.

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

1st Item on Agenda Flu Clinic 2022 Update

Jack updates the Board that the Flu Clinic has been scheduled on October 18th from 5pm to 7pm at Miscoe Hill Middle School. Jack has posted the Clinic on various social media platforms and will also be displayed on the Town Website along with a Flashing Public Safety Road Sign. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack on moves on to Topic #2.

2nd Item on Agenda Hazardous Waste Day Update

Jack updates the Board that the Hazardous Waste Day and Shredding Day is on November 19th from 9am to 12pm at the Highway Dept. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and moves on to Topic #3.

3rd Item on Agenda Lake Nipmuc Panel Update

Jack updates the Board that he has reached out to Gabrielle Belfit from Tighe & Bond, and in charge of the Mendon Stormwater Taskforce to see if she would be available to take part in the Panel. Gabrielle said she would get back to him. Chairman Greenberg thanks Jack and asks the Board if they had any comments or suggestions on the topic. Joyce suggested that Wayne Phipps, the Chair of the Lake Nipmuc Association, be on the Panel and also Dan Byer from the Parks Department would be great to have on the Panel. Tom mentioned that in regard to testing, having it expanded to more areas than just the Beach area, to provide more complete testing. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to Agenda Item #4.

4th Item on Agenda BOH – Health Agent Vacant Position – Danielle Edmands

Danielle, from the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health Collaborative, wanted to remind the Board that her and Dan, also from the BVPPH Collaborative, are supplemental services, and not the replacement for the open vacancy of Health Agent. Danielle has noticed the need to hire an individual on staff to handle the pop-up events and inspections that are needed around town, when the BHPPH is not available due to trainings or needs from the other 7 towns within the Collaborative. Danielle doesn't want Mendon playing catch-up and she feels that Mendon is starting to head towards that predicament. Tom agrees with Danielle and said the Board should replace what was lost. Chairman Greenberg also agrees with Danielle, after having previous conversations with Danielle about this situation and is definitely something that needs to be done. Danielle

said she would assist Jack with putting together a job description and requirements. Jack mentions that he reached out to Shelley from the HR Dept. about any job description she may have on file. Joyce mentioned that Hopedale is also looking for a PT Health Agent and what Hopedale had posted would be good to go by.

Jack calls on Lawney Tinio, from the Select Board, who has his hand raised. Lawney thinks it would be good to see if Hopedale would be interested in sharing the health agent as shared services. Chairman Greenberg asks if anyone had anymore to add to this topic. No one had anything more. Chairman Greenberg thanks Danielle and moves on to Agenda Item #5.

5th Item on Agenda

Rooster Noise Nuisance Follow-Up

Jack calls on Anne Mazzarelli for her update to the rooster crowing next door to her. Anne updates the Board that she has not heard the rooster since the last meeting, 2 weeks ago, after Joyce had made a visit to the property. Anne wanted to thank the Board for getting the nuisance taken care of. Chairman Greenberg thanks Anne for the update and asks if anyone had any comments. Tom was happy to hear that the rooster situation has been improved and hopes it will stay that way. Joyce agrees with Tom and thanks Anne for her patience. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to Topic #6.

6th Item on Agenda

Dumpster Regulations Draft Update

Jack asks the Board if they had a chance to review the Draft version and had any changes to be made. Joyce said she reviewed it and looks good on her end. Chairman Greenberg said he had a chance to review it, and doesn't have any additional edits. Tom said he has also reviewed it and it looks good, just a matter of putting it in its final format.

Jack recognizes Lawney Tino, who has his hand raised. Lawney mentioned that any new regulations in Town should be reviewed by Town Council for their review and get their approval before any Public Hearing is scheduled. Chairman Greenberg thanks Lawney for bringing that to the Boards attention. The Chairman asks Jack to make sure Town Council has had a chance to review the regulations and once approved by Town Council, then a Public Hearing would be scheduled. Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone and moves on to Topic #7.

7th Item on Agenda

Massachusetts Clean Water Trust - CMSP

Jack updates the Board about the Community Management Septic Program. This is a program that could be utilized for the Lake Nipmuc area. Jack and Tom reached out to the State to see if funding is available, and was told funding is available but on a case-by-case basis. Jack said that he spoke with Jody, from the Treasurer's Office, and that Mendon was a part of it back in 2011, but in order to be a part of it again, a new application has to be sent in from the Town. Tom mentioned that the CMSP offers the loan at a 5% interest rate, but depending on the homeowner, could be offered a sliding scale interest rate.

Chairman Greenberg thanks everyone for their input and asks Jack to speak with Jody for more background information on the procedural steps and how the funds were distributed and paid back to the State to get a more comprehensive idea on the program itself.

Chairman Greenberg wanted to go through old business and starts off with the CMRK Town Recycling Program. Chairman Greenberg asks Jack if a contract has been received. Jack responded that a contract has been received and the online pickup was available to the residents, but was wondering if Mendon wanted the Clothing Dropoff Bins. Chairman Greenberg suggested to Jack that he contact the Highway Dept for 1 location, the Senior

Center for a 2nd location, and having 1 at the Town Hall.

Chairman Greenberg now moves on to Rodent Control. Tom mentioned about doing a Town wide mailing. Jack said he'll reach out to the Mendon Post Office to see if Mendon has a Bulk Mail Permit. Jack will also look into doing a Every Door Direct Mail and compare costs.

Chairman Greenberg asked if there were any updates to the Hastings Street Project. Jack said he did receive a new Perc Application and just waiting on a date that the Solis Test Evaluator can do it. Joyce mentioned that she wanted to be at the Testing site when that is scheduled. Jack will let the Evaluator know.

Chairman Greenberg asked if there was any other old business to discuss. Both Tom and Joyce were good.

The Board sets its next meeting for October 5th at 7:00pm.

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

Meeting is ended at 9:06 PM.