



Board of Health

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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, March 4, 2024

1. OPEN SESSION – 4:00 PM
Present Bret Hartley, Jennifer Girard, Pat Lombardo
2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM January 22, 2024 & February 5, 2024
On a motion by B. Hartley minutes from February 5, 2024, second by P. Lombardo second (3-0-3) passed
On a motion by P. Lombardo minutes from January 22, 2024, second by B. Hartley (3-3-0) passed
3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
George Reiker asked if he could donate two Rhododendrons, one on each side of the transfer station sign. On a motion by B. Hartley to approve and accept G. Reiker's offer to donate and plant two Rhododendrons one on each side of the sign to the transfer station, second by P. Lombardo (3-0-3) passed
George Reiker also stated that on Main Street where the cars are in the vacant house may have mice. The board will look into this.
George Reiker wants to provide the transfer station with a colored bag to collect cans and bottles. It was discussed and the board felt that this would have to have further discuss and more details. G. Reiker was asked to come back to the next meeting and further discuss.
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:
5. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Shared Nurse – None
 - b. Update on Adversary Board – J. Girard reported that they are still looking for a health director and that the next meeting is scheduled for March 12th
 - c. Meeting with DEP emergency group – March 7th – J. Girard reported that the water department is holding a DEP emergency group meeting. J. Girard asked P. Lombardo if he could attend and maybe stand in for A. Dolby. J. Girard will provide an update at the next meeting.

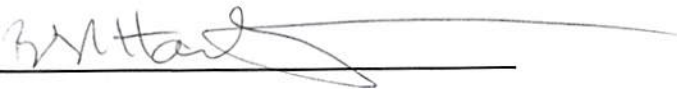
- d. Perc Tests – J. Girard completed the percolation test application. It is now on the website. This form is to be completed by anyone who is looking to have a perc test done.
- e. Recycling Policy – J. Girard finished the recycled product policy. This had to be completed and submitted for the town to receive grant benefits for the transfer station.
- f. Permits & Plan Reviews
 - i. Woronoco Road – plans for 51 Woronoco Road were submitted and approved. Plans for 55 Woronoco are on hold until conservation has had a chance to review.
 - ii. 81 Main St – The grant has been approved to replace the septic system at 81 Main Street. MM pulled a permit to repair and replace the system and under the grant, homeowners had to put the work out to bid. It is up to Pioneer Valley on who is to do the work. If MM is not to do the work, another permit will have to be pulled by the new contractor.
On a motion by B. Hartley a new permit is to be pulled for 81 Main Street if a different contractor is to do the work, second by P. Lombardo (3-0-3) passed.
 - iii. 184 Otis Stage – permit submitted P-24-34
- g. Transfer Station
 - i. Bids for Cartridge & Tipping – still waiting
 - ii. Swap Shack - no update
- h. Turnovers FY 2024 105.00 was turned in
- i. Budget Review – meeting with Finance on Thursday, March 7th at 1:00 pm

6. *EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

ON A MOTION by P. Lombard, second by B. Hartley board voted (3-0-3) to adjourn meeting at 5:50pm

Respectfully Submitted



Bret Hartley, Chair



Jennifer Girard, CSHO – Member



Pat Lombardo, Member