



Board of Health

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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, March 18, 2024

4:00 pm

1. OPEN SESSION

Present Bret Hartley, Jennifer Girard, Pat Lombardo

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM March 4, 2024

On a motion by P. Lombardo minutes from January 22, 2024, second by B. Hartley (3-3-0) passed

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

- a. Proposed bags for bottles and cans-G. Reiker presented his ideas of having a colored bag just for cans and bottles. Board felt this was a good idea and needed to discuss with D. Emo as he takes the bottles and cans, turns the money which goes towards the veterans. The board was unclear as to what part of the veterans program the funds were going to and how much is accumulated throughout the year. The board will reach out to D. Emo. The board informed G. Reiker that more discussion between the board needed to take place.
- b. Meeting with DEP emergency group – March 7th – J.Girard reported that the meeting was with the water department. G. Avery read there protocol sheet should a water emergency take place. There were a few changes to be made and a final copy will be provided to the board of health.

5. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Cindy & donation of materials –received a phone call indicating she was not ready to meet.
- b. Shared Nurse – update – no update
- c. Update on Adversary Board – Southwick cancelled the meeting
- d. Permits, Inspections & Plan Reviews
 - i. Jo Jo's – passed
 - ii. McDonalds- being inspected next week
- e. Transfer Station
 - i. Bids for Cartridge & Tipping – no update, still waiting for bids to come in.
 - ii. Swap Shack – no update
- f. Turnovers FY 2024 -

g. Budget Review- The TA said our budget was under funded in one area and over budget in another. I tried to explain that it is unusual for the transfer station budget to be this close to being over budget as we are doing a project and if he looked at the past, he would see we are right on cue. The same goes the board of health spending line. Most of our funds get spent toward May and June not when we are asked to do this in January and the budget reviewed in February. I asked for this be reconsidered as we will have difficulties in the future should we change. Our budget was level funded and not sure why the TA wants to change this.

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 5:43pm

*NOTE: Agenda may include items not expected 48 hours before the meeting. At any point, this meeting may go into the executive section if the board of health deems necessary.

~~B. Hartley~~
Pat Lombard
Jennifer Lombard