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BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes for March 3, 2021
Board of Health Meeting, Room 205, 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Board of Health members Dr. Michael Popik, Chairman; Mr. Ed Simoncini, Ms. Ann Loree, Health Agent, Elizabeth Penney, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Ray Talkington, GeoSphere Environmental Management, Inc.

Dr. Popik called meeting to order 4:30 pm

Vouchers signed for 2020 flu vaccine invoice, ETR Labs for Town Farm Road water samples, Montachusett Public Health Network, MHOA membership and mileage for Abigail Conlin and Ann Loree.

New Business:

Town Farm Road Well Study -

Mr. Talkington, GeoSphere Environmental Management, Inc. provided a presentation on the proposal for a study of Town Farm Road water quality issues. Mr. Talkington explained ground water flow, leeching and geological issues of the affected area. Mr. Talkington reviewed the deliverables in proposal: compile available information, develop GIS figure, and provide a written report with recommendations. The time frame for the study is approximately eight weeks.

Board members discussed the two proposals, costs for each project and the procurement process. Include on agenda for March 17 meeting to discuss and to come to a consensus and to present the request to the Town Administrator.

Port-a-Pottie Regulations –

Dr. Popik made a motion to accept the final draft of the suggested Port-a-Pottie regulations. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed. Liz will do a draft letter, permit application and permit for review at the March 17 meeting.

Old Business:

2019 Reports of Drinking Water Quality –

Ms. Loree spoke with representative with MDEP and SMLC aesthetic standard - Primary and secondary standards. Ann noted that Mr. Simoncini can follow up with Mariel Stone on any



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additional questions. Mr. Simoncini noted he had an issue with the form with value and limit and pass/fail. Dr. Popik suggested review of reports could be an intern project.

Flu Vaccine Update –

Ms. Loree reviewed the budget and flu vaccine order from 2018-2020, quantities and quote from Sanofi Pasteur. Ms. Loree said the Revolving fund has \$24,000 for flu vaccine purchase 2018 - Purchased eighteen vials of fluzone at \$2,000

2020 – Three vials for \$492

Ms. Loree noted the vaccine clinic included 133 total flu vaccines in 2020. For 2021 we have 3-10-dose vials are saved for us, 50-High dose single shots and 100 individual doses of Flublok. No more multi-doses left at Sanofi.

Flublock must be for age 18 and over. Ms. Loree recommends trying to find multi-dose vials of Fluzone to replace the Flublok. Dr. Popik is in favor of getting high dose for seniors.

Ms. Loree reviewed the State Flu Vaccine Order to include one-10 dose vial of Fluzone at \$85 and 5 Flumist vials for children at \$100.

Motion made by Dr. Popik to accept the proposed flu vaccine order, seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed.

Board Concerns:

MBTA Letter - Board members reviewed the MBTA notification regarding potential service reductions and environmental impact. It was determined that there is no significant impact to the town of Westminster.

Omni Environmental Group - Dr. Popik informed the Board he received a notification from Omni Environment Group that the fuel spill was cleaned up.

Health Agent Update:

COVID Cases: Ms. Loree said current total cases are at twelve. One complaint received regarding a local store not having a sign at entrance regarding wearing a mask. Ms. Loree noted businesses are not required to post a sign.

COVID Vaccine Clinic Information - Ms. Loree reviewed the process to register for the COVID vaccine clinic held at the Polish American Citizens Club. Ms. Loree noted registration information is available on the town website. Dr. Popik noted that the Ms. Lahtinen, Town Administrators office is assisting residents with vaccine clinic information and registration process.



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Order Complaint - Ms. Loree reviewed one order complaint for the landfill.

Private Well Project - Ms. Loree will speak with Mr. Hawke to request an intern to complete the Private Well project that was started in summer of 2018.

Recovery Centers of America – Ms. Loree sent an email to Dr. Gitner to request a formal COVID Complaint Transport policy. Ms. Loree also requested RCA provide viable tracking information on clients who are discharged. Board members suggest Ms. Loree consult with the State regulatory agency overseeing RCA if no response or no information is received regarding the request.

27 Laurie Lane - Ms. Loree provided a summary of the meeting with the owner of 27 Laurie Lane. Ms. Loree signed the permit in 2020 for a 3 bedroom footprint. Ms. Loree said upon viewing the property on site and reviewing the proposed plans, it appears the number of rooms exceed the current septic capacity. Mr. Simoncini noted the property has several variances. Board members determined they need more information. Ms. Loree will review with the Building Inspector and will follow up with the homeowner on next steps. After review, Mr. Simoncini noted that 30 Lakewood Drive should be allowed the same opportunity.

Dr. Popik made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Simoncini seconded the motion.

Adjourn at 6:40 pm

Dr. Michael Popik

H. Christopher Redkey

Edward Simoncini

Attachments:

Town Farm Road Well Study Proposal, GeoSphere
Mass Department of Transportation Notice