

BOH meeting 2/7/2023

Present: Chris Nickerson, Katie Goldrick, Allyson Pinkover, Evelyn Mavilia

Hazardous waste schedule date: We usually do two dates per year. The company we use is totally booked for the year. Abbey has reached out to another company. Katie heard from that company. We will do Hazardous waste as well as town clean up day on April 22 which is Earth Day.

Brookville Bible usually helps out as well as the DPW. The bags of trash will need to be picked up that day. We will plan for specific areas of town to be spruced up. Allyson suggested that perhaps we can have a tire pick up that day as well. Katie brought up the point that its been such a mild winter, we may have a big season for rodents and bugs, so getting rid of tires that hold standing water would be helpful.

Covid-19 federal emergency declaration ends on May 11, 2023. The Board would like to remind people to get up to date with their vaccines. Also, masks and test kits are still available at inspectional services. The expiration dates on test kits need to be monitored.

Covid-19 remote local government meetings authorization ends March 31, 2023. We will have to be present for meetings after that date if they do not extend it.

Next year's fiscal budget vote: The only budget change for the year is an extra \$2000 for Hazardous Waste pick up as we had to find a new company. That budget is \$22, 000. \$13,000 for general expenses, office supplies, updated inspectional tools and evaluational equipment, training for new Health Agent. And \$11,000 for the shared nursing staff that we share with Randolph.

Health Agent updates: There was a new bylaw passed regarding use of plastic bags in retailers in town. We received it from the State on September 1, 2022 and gave establishments until January 2023 to comply. They were all notified by mail. Many are yet in compliance with the new

bylaw. Perhaps a reminder letter should be sent. At some point, the BOH should read the Plastic bag Reduction bylaw and see if any language could be updated.

Permits for trash, restaurants, dumpsters are all up to date and signed.

Establishments will either be picking them up or they will be mailed.

Two inspections were recently done. One was a dispute on food handling internally at JFK. that was resolved. Another was a restaurant that was also resolved.

Abbey handed animal issues over to Animal Control. There was only one bite issue.

Environmental Justice percent went from 77 to around 92. The BOH should consider addressing how this impacts our community and research grant opportunities open for the town.

Minutes approved for 6/4/2022, 7/19/2022, 9/1/2022,10/27/2022, 11/29/2022, 1/12/2023, 1/19/2023

Clarify: 10/27/2022, it was stated we had 4 TB cases, but it was later found to be less.

Health Agent Recruitment: Allyson states 3 interviews were held on 1/21/2023. There was one strong candidate. There is one other that will be scheduled and then, the sub-committee of Christina, Abbey and Allyson will bring candidates to the BOH. the position will remain posted until filled.

New issue: Brockton Hospital was evacuated and will remain closed for at least this week. This could impact our community of Holbrook. Allyson will reach out to the hospital for direction as to what our people who use Brockton Hospital should do.

Old Business: Chris asked about the water treatment plant. Katie has been reaching out to the Randolph Joint Water contact for updates. There was a delay because some native american artifacts were found while digging and it had to stop for a bit, but is now resolved. No updates have been given at BOS meetings. Katie will discuss it with the town administrator. A

company, Cyclopure, is still willing to provide free filters. PfAS numbers are posted as we get them, however, they are for the previous month.

Allyson states we still haven't been able to do anything with the opioid settlement money (\$20,000 for 10 years). Katie states that the TA tried to give it to the schools, but the schools were not interested in taking it on.

The BOH submitted the proposal which included community involvement.

Ms Vayda on the BOS spoke about this stating it has specific guidelines. It has gone into a special fund for use at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 7:51