

Board of Health Minutes
December 6, 2016

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Ms. Amodei and Mr. Moeller presents. Mr. Parkin was absent.

All bills and time sheets submitted were approved for payment.

The minutes of the meeting of November 15th were approved as written.

52 High Street

The Board reviewed and approved the septic plan subject to an expansion area location be put on the asbuilt. The septic permit was signed by the Board.

Lots 4 & 5 Pond Street – NK Lahue Realty Trust

The Board reviewed and approved both septic plans and signed the septic permits.

Transfer Station Hours

The Board received a request from the transfer Station monitors to close early on December 24th. The Board asked the Secretary to talk with them and come up with a time that they agree with.

Trash and Recycling – Present; Tracey Hutton; Town Administrator and Irene Congdon; State DEP Recycling Co-coordinator.

The Board discussed with Ms. Hutton and Ms. Congdon some alternatives for the Town to consider when disposing of their trash and recycling.

Curbside pickup and ways to keep the transfer station open.

Ms. Congdon reminded us that we are giving too many tags out with the permit. Fifty tags only would put us back in the eyes of DEP as being known as a Pay-as-you-throw community.

Curbside pickup with the residents purchasing bags for disposal would help to fund the program but it would have to be total town participation by the Town residents.

Renting out the transfer station was another possible option with it being opened 2 days per week.

Ms. Congdon said she has worked with some Towns on this same issue and what they did was invite a few haulers in to discuss their thoughts on trash disposal. She said she has questions that the different towns directed to the haulers and she would provide them to us as well as be present when those interviews took place. Ms. Hutton also expressed an interest in being present but with her tight schedule she was not sure how many meeting she could make.

DPS Trash and Recycling dba Danna Kinne, Waste Mgmt., Republic, and Shaws were recommended for interviews.

DEP has grants that can be applied for. These grants are for trash and recycling containers. They usually come out in April and awarded in June.

Ms. Amodei thought that 2 haulers could be interviewed for 45 minutes each per meeting starting in January.

The Town of Ayer also runs a regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection monthly. Each Town pays an initial fee to join and then their residents can come monthly and pay a flat fee for disposal.

MUDD District

Ms. Hutton spoke with the Board about a Town project being proposed off Pleasant Street which will consist of town houses and apartment buildings containing 60 bedrooms. She wanted to know how to word the proposal where it pertains to the septic systems for the project.

The Board recommended that it state that the design of the septic systems should be meet local Board of Health regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

