

**Board of Health Minutes**  
**February 21, 2017**

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Ms. Amodei, Mr. Moeller and Mr. Parkin present.

The minutes of the meetings of December 6, 2016 and January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Dunstable will join Tyngsborough on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at their highway garage on Kendall Road.

We are also interested in joining the reciprocal program with several other towns. This would allow Dunstable residents to attend other towns collection day in the group to dispose of their hazardous waste if they miss the one scheduled for Dunstable. A small fee would be charged to the resident for either ½ car or full car loads. The Board asked for more information from Tyngsborough before we accept their offer.

**Transfer Station**

In the past there was a portable fence used in the paper roll off container when the paper was piled so high that it would begin to slide forward. The fence also allowed the paper to be packed tighter so that it would not have to be emptied so often. The fence now does not fit the new roll-off and the monitors would like permission to build a new one.

The Board would like the monitors to adjust the old one to fit the new roll-off.

**431 River Street**

The Board signed a building permit application for a 4 bedroom home. The water test met all required parameters for the well.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Moeller was contacted by a resident and they suggested to him that if it was possible, could the Board of Health meet with the Conservation Commission, Highway Dept., Selectmen, and the Finance Committee jointly to discuss all options of treating the roads during snowing and icy weather.

### **Waste Management, Roy Boyer**

The Board invited Mr. Boyer in to discuss options for the Town to consider for the collection and disposal of trash and recycling for the future. The Town presently has a contract for five years with Waste Management. We are now in our final year of that contract. Also present was Irene Congdon, our DEP Regional Recycling Co-coordinator.

Mr. Boyer told the Board that there were a few options they could consider.

#### **Trash Collection**

1. A flat fee monthly with curbside pickup
2. A flat fee yearly plus the sale of bags with curbside pickup
3. The entire amount paid with tax money.

Mr. Boyer suggested that a 35 gallon trash container could be used with all 3 options.

#### **Recycling**

1. Recycling weekly or every other week with single stream collection. Using a 64 gallon Container.

The town could be picked up weekly possibly in two days using a split truck. One half trash and the other half recycling or recycling could be collected every other week

Plastic recycling containers for both trash and recycling could have a code on them matched to the house number. Recycling containers can be treated the same way.

Waste Management can pick up trash manually or with an automated arm on the truck.

Mr. Boyer also talked about charging extra for overflow bags if all the trash was required to be put into the one 35 gallon container. Their drivers would get out of the truck and manually pick them up.

Waste Management takes all the trash they collect to Wheelabrator in Andover, MA He also said that Waste Management would clean up an occasional spill of trash. Bulky items could be picked up on a regular basis by paying the trash hauler with a credit card called into their office. A date would be set up by the trash hauler and the homeowner. Pizza boxes and aluminum items are not considered a recycling item and must go into the trash.

Waste Management would not be interested in operating the transfer station.

The Board thanked Mr. Boyer for coming in.

**Republic Services – Terry Grady**

Mr. Grady discussed curbside pickup of trash and recycling. If they were to bid on the Town, it would have to be the whole town and not some. He suggested we use a 35 gallon trash container with the options of purchasing an additional trash container or the town could sell overflow bags. If the recycling was to be picked up every other week, he recommended we use a 95 gallon recycling container.

Ms. Congdon reminded the Board that if the town wanted to use a trash container over 47 gallons, we would not be considered a pay as you throw community.

Republic Service drivers would clean up occasional spills of trash as long as it did not become chronic.

The Town could not be pickup in one day.

Bulky items could be dropped off at a designated spot a few times a year with the resident paying for the disposal with cash or a check.

Republic Services would not be interested in operating the transfer station.

When asked, Mr. Grady said that the price for disposal for trash per ton could run around \$70.00

The Board thanks Mr. Grady for coming in.

Other Business;

Our Town Administrator Tracey Hutton came in to discuss, with the Board of Health their budget for F.Y. 19. She said that Finance Committee would like to know how the additional 3 hours requested per week for their Secretary would be used. Ms. Amodei said that she was aware that although the Secretary spends 3 hours per week in the town hall, her job usually entails being available 7 days per week, answering emails and returning phone calls from home. She also confers with the transfer station monitors on a regular basis from home or her personal cell phone. Most of this time is not included in my monthly time sheet.

Ms. Hutton thanked the Board for their responses and would let the Finance Committee about this discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

