

Board of Health Minutes
March 7, 2017

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

The minutes of the meeting of February 21st were approved as amended.

Rabies Shot Waiver

The Board discussed waiver requests from residents who have a dog or cat that cannot have rabies shot due to a compromised immune system due to various reasons. A letter from their veterinarian usually is included in the request.

Although the Board in the past has asked for a titer for rabies results from the dog or cat if it is available, they did not require it in order to consider granting the waiver since the test can be very costly. It was only asked for if available so the Board would know if the animal had any immunity from rabies left in their system if they have had a shot in the past. It would be good to know for the Board of Health and the owner.

Ms. Irene Congdon, DEP Recycling Co-coordinator arrived to the meeting.

D.W. Shaw & Sons, Inc., - David Stevens Representative

Shaw's has many contracts with municipalities including Townsend and Leominster as well as several private accounts in Town.

His company would be prepared to offer a 2 day curbside pickup of carts, bags and overflow bags. They are also equipped to pick up recycling. They could do it weekly with the split truck of trash and recycling or every other week with a separate truck.

Ms. Congdon recommended the Town apply for a grant from DEP for trash and recycling containers. She recommended 32 gallon containers for the trash and 64 or 96 containers for recycling. The grant covers \$30.00 for each container and the Town responsible for \$10.00 each.

Shaws offers mixed recycling. Bulky items can be picked up weekly with a separate pay by the resident.

Presently Shaws is taking the trash to Fitchburg but in the future they will be opening their own facility.

They can also assist in putting together a calendar to be sent to residents with trash and recycling information with phone numbers and dates in their area for recycling pickup if it is picked up every other week.

Shaw's is not interested in operating the Transfer Station.

DPS Trash & Recycling – Dana Kinne Owner

Mr. Kinne told the Board that he is a small company and probably could not compete with the larger ones but presently he does have 350-400 customers in Dunstable. He charges \$456 per year for regular pickup and \$420.00 for senior pickups. Recycling is included in that price. Trash totals are about 360 tons per year; recycling totals are about 138 tons and 149 tons of bulky items.

Mr. Kinne said that he can offer a 2 day pickup of trash and recycling weekly

He can also pickup bulky items.

At this time he is not interested in using the transfer station but he would give it some thought.

Ms. Congdon suggested that Mr. Kinne keep current customers on a 96 gallon trash container, but offer a new price bracket of \$300.00 with a 35 gallon container using the 96 gallon for recycling. Then customers could get curbside pickup for the same price as the Town charges for drop-off. The town could apply for a grant for the trash and recycling containers. Then eventually a town wide contract could be signed for curbside pickup with DPS (Dana Kinne) and the transfer station drop off would phase out.

Ms. Amodei would like to have a member of the finance committee attend a Board of Health meeting to get their thoughts on this before going much further.

Ms. Congdon said we should at least start the process of applying for a grant for the containers and said we should start by getting a copy of the towns LA4 Form. If we decide not to pursue this project any further we do not have to accept the grant if awarded to us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.