

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
March 10, 2014

A joint Regular Meeting between the Board of Public Works (BPW) and Board of Health was held at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board of Health members present: Ms. Lopes, Mr. DeTerra and Ms. Acksen. Health Agent Patricia Fowle was also present. Board of Public Works members were in attendance along with BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from John Craig and Mark Dancy of Waste Zero on a new proposal for trash disposal, pay as you throw (PAYT). Residents purchase 30 gallon, or smaller plastic trash bags embossed with the town seal from local retailers. The bags are used for trash and only trash in the designated bags is accepted at curbside. Recycling participation increases on average to 46% or higher. An average family will use 1.2 bags per week. Waste Zero handles over 800 cities and towns across the United States. Of the 135 PAYT Massachusetts communities, Waste Zero handles 90. Dartmouth, Mass has great success with the program. A copy of the written program was provided and is part of this record.

Members asked questions as to the operation of the program concerning cost to consumer and possible waivers for residents who cannot afford to purchase the bags, cost to the retailer for carrying the bags, pick-up route changes with the system and cost of the system to the Town. Waste Zero stated the cost of the program would be negotiated with the Town if they choose to enter into negotiations.

The Board of Public Works and the Board of Health then entered into Executive Session to discuss financial aspects of the proposal along with the contract proposal as discussed prior with ABC Disposal, Inc. The Board of Health did not enter into Open Session at the end of the Executive Session.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Lopes. The vote was unanimous. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent