

TOWN OF ORLEANS – BOARD OF HEALTH

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MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING

WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 5, 2011

The Board of Health convened its meeting at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday January 5, 2011 in the Nauset Room Meeting Room of the Orleans Town Hall.

Present: Chairman, Job Taylor, III, Vice Chair Augusta McKusick, Dr. Jan Schneider and Elizabeth Suraci. Robin Davis joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Also present: Robert Canning, Health Agent.

Meet with Board of Selectmen

The Board of Health met with members of the Orleans Board of Selectmen to discuss several issues.

Present from the Board of Selectmen were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk Jon R. Fuller, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie. Also present: Town Administrator John Kelly and Highway/Disposal Manager Mark Budnick.

Mr. Canning spoke to the two Boards about a previous discussion regarding possible solutions to the expiring SEMASS agreement.

Mr. Kelly presented the joint Boards with a letter from the Town of Bourne that was presented as a follow-up to the recent solid waste informational forum held by the Town of Bourne.

Mr. McGrath updated the Board on a series of meetings regarding the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility solution offered by the Town of Bourne. Mr. McGrath explained that the Bourne facility has enough capacity to accept the solid waste from the Cape Cod towns for approximately the next ten years. As it is not the long-term solution the towns are looking for, they would like to partner with SEMASS and are continuing to work on alternate and innovative solutions.

Board of Health Chairman, Job Taylor stated that he felt the interest in the Bourne facility does not cost the Town of Orleans anything and is not binding, so it is therefore worth exploring. He also stated that he felt it would be most prudent to increase the transfer station sticker fee for the second vehicle for a household.

Mr. McGrath stated that he also sits as a member of the Barnstable County Solid Waste Negotiating Subcommittee, and as a member of that committee he feels the best scenario would be to have a contract to present to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting in 2012. At that point the town will have a better idea of how much of an increase will be taking place in 2015.

Mr. Kelly clarified the most recent information from the Town of Brewster's agreement with SEMASS. If the Town of Orleans were to obtain the same contract that Brewster received, the increase in sticker fees would be about \$19 per sticker in 2015. Also, Mr. Kelly stated that there are other items in the Transfer Station that can be charged separately from the sticker fees such as paint, yard waste, gasoline and motor oil recycling.

Mrs. Christie asked if there would be wisdom in selling a commercial transfer station sticker. Mr. Kelly replied that while there is a commercial sticker available for the Orleans Transfer Station, some of the commercial businesses continue to use their residential stickers and enforceability is an issue.

Mr. Fuller asked how many commercial haulers, such as BFI, use the transfer station. Mr. Budnick replied that there are very few commercial haulers because the Town of Orleans does not allow them to build a charge account; they must pay at the time they are dumping. Mr. Fuller asked Mr. Budnick to explain the impact the increased fees would have on the Transfer Station budget. Mr. Kelly explained that the fees generated are returned under local receipts. Mr. Fuller asked if there would be some merit in having the Transfer Station operate as an enterprise fund and Mr. Kelly replied that it could be done that way if the Board wished to make those changes.

Ms. McKusick stated that the Board of Health is in favor of increasing the Transfer Station sticker fee by \$10.00 and the additional vehicle sticker fee by \$5.00.

Ms. Davis joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Fuller stated that establishing an enterprise fund would make the transfer station more affordable in the long run. He also stated that he believes that the town should be moving toward a goal of 100 per cent funding by sticker fees at the Transfer Station.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to support the recommendation from the Board of Health increasing the sticker fee from \$75 to \$85 and the additional sticker fee from \$10 to \$15 per sticker. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Ms. McKusick, and seconded by Dr. Schneider, the Board of Health voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and proceed with the public hearing process to change the fees contained in the Solid Waste Facility Regulations. The vote was 5-0-0

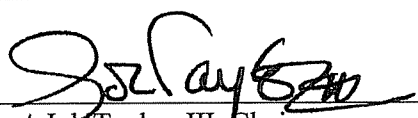
Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, and seconded by Dr. Schneider, the Board of Health voted to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Health at 7:35 p.m. The vote was 5-0-0.

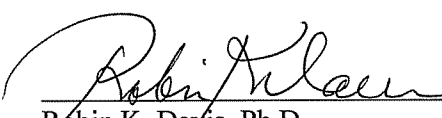
Respectfully submitted,

Robert Canning
Health Agent

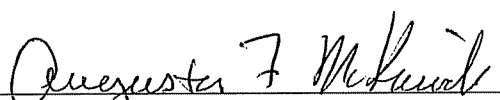
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Attorney Job Taylor, III; Chairman



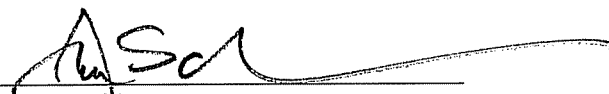
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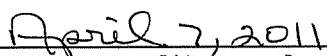
Augusta F. McKusick, Vice Chairman



Elizabeth Suraci



Jan Schneider, M.D.



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