

Meeting minutes
January 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairman, Sherry Berger. Also in attendance were; Member, Al Holman; Member, Richard Desjardins; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

Motion One – Richard made a motion to approve of the meeting minutes from 1/10/13. Al seconded the motion and Sherry made the motion unanimous.

A garbage and offal permit was reviewed and signed for Berkowitz Trucking of Northbridge.

Board discussed the recent problems they are trying to resolve with their retirement funds. Diane stated she spoke to Blythe Robinson, who is also working on the issue.

Board discussed the next purchase of trash bags. There would be a significant savings to the town if we purchase the bags at 10 per roll instead of 5. Board also discussed increasing the cost to the residents by an additional .10 cents per bag, meaning a roll of 10 bags would cost \$15.00. Diane reviewed with the Board the cost of bags in surrounding towns as well as the total savings and revenue that would benefit the town using last year's figures for trash bag sales.

Motion two - Richard made a motion to go to \$15.00 per roll of ten. Single trash bags would still be available at the BOH office for those who did not want to purchase 10 or more bags. Al seconded the motion and Sherry made it unanimous. Motion was approved. Board agreed the changes would be effective March 1, 2013.

Diane was asked to notify Blythe of the changes as well.

Board of Health will meet with the Finance Committee on 2/6/13 at 7:30 pm, to discuss next fiscal year's budget. Al and Diane will attend.

Diane stated the large scanner is on order and should be in the office within the next two weeks.

Board discussed the noise issues at the rail yard on Maple Avenue. Due to the ambient dropping so much in the evening, the Board will request that the pellet plant stop operation from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., until such time as they have managed to reduce the noise level on a continuous basis that will comply with the state regulations. Board will also state a deadline for the proposals from the sound engineers to be submitted and work to begin. Sherry will speak to the rail road in the morning.

Diane discussed an upcoming meeting with the MA DPH on 2/15/13, to discuss the new regulations for medical marijuana. Richard stated he would like to attend that meeting.

Richard stated he spoke to Henry Poirier regarding a cement mixer at the old landfill/rail yard area. Henry knows of nothing being done that required a cement mixer, and has not seen one in the area.

Diane was asked to email the animal control officer, Kate Hawkins and request her monthly report. Board agreed that both the animal control officer and town nurse/agent should also attend a meeting every quarter or so.

Motion three – Richard made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Sherry made the motion unanimous.

7:58 p.m., meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan, Asst. Public Health Supervisor