

Minutes from the Board of Health meeting held at 5:00 pm Wednesday February 16th 2022

Present: Charlene Farris (CF), Donald Makowski (DM), Brianna Dunn (BD)

Attendees: Scott Atkins (SA), Brett Kustigian (BK), Daniel Thibodeau (DT)

Virtual Attendees: Tim O'Brian (TOB), Joyce Eichacker (JE)

5:02pm: CF opens the meeting

5:02pm: Discussion begin with Superintendent Brett Kustigian regarding the mask policy at Quaboag School District. BK polled some school committee members to get a general feeling of how the vote would go at their meeting scheduled for after the BOH meeting. He said there seemed to be some strong feelings to take the masks off. Throughout the whole pandemic the school has followed state guidance, and right now the guidance is to drop masks on 2/28/2022 with the exception of the nurse's office and busses. BK wants the Board of Health input. The Board of Health agrees that it is time to drop the masks at school. BK reminds the Board that the school does have a program set up for home test kits, so a student gets 2 tests a week that are sent home for them to test for covid – these are free of cost and if people did not sign up when the sheets went home all families have to do is reach out to the school their child attends and they will be provided home test kits for the students of Quaboag Regional School District.

5:10pm: Tim O'Brien and Joyce Eichacker joined the meeting to discuss the Board of Health taking over e-coli sampling for the Quaboag River at Lucy Stone. TOB begins discussion by saying that he has been working the Lucy Stone restoration project for about 7 years. He joined the C4R group which is a group that is organized to sample the 4 major rivers of the Chicopee River and its various tributaries. It is organized to run May-September and it is usually 2x per month. The individuals of the group collect samples, which are delivered to the lab, the data is tabulated and sent out to the group, DCR and DEP. TOB says it is important to continue this for as long as possible because the community and its visitors use this recreation area for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and he wants to be able to safely say to people that standards are met every year. He is looking for a change because he wants to be able to do more volunteer work at Lucy Stone and he may be looking to expand so he is asking for Board of Health assistance to undertake the task so he can spend more time focusing on other things at Lucy Stone. He sees this as an overall responsibility most related to Board of Health because it has to do with the health of the community and people using the recreational space. It costs roughly \$300.00 for the entire season.

CF and DM are happy to help. DM motions to move forward and take over e-coli sampling at Lucy Stone, CF seconds – AIF.

5:30pm: Scott Atkins joined the meeting to discuss the landfill certification closure report. He provides an update to the board.

1. Landfill Closure Certification Report was mailed on Friday, and a book was dropped off Monday.

2. The Notice of Landfill on deeds remains unsatisfied. There are 2 different parcels and 2 different maps. SA wants DEP to review before submitting because Warren should only put record notice on the deed 1 time. It should be correct the first time. DEP wants bounds – which is not definitive. SA said they put a line outside the line on the map. The first line is the landfill limitation, the outside line is the approximated line of where the debris should not exceed. Any DEP comments will be addressed by Barton & LoGuidice so Warren can have the record notice filed ASAP.

DM asks why Warren didn't just leave the West Landform alone the way it was. SA answers that it is 2 different things for a landfill to stop accepting waste, and to be closed. DEP know the original dump existed, and it needed to be closed like the other landfill.

SA says he wants to hit the highlights of the inspection reports which were delivered to DEP. Transfer Station has 1 annual inspection. Right now, the signage needs to be addressed. He noticed that the attendant has been picking up litter/debris, and the batteries were cleaned up, and the waste oil shed was locked. All things Warren was docked for by DEP in the past.

As far as his landfill inspections he noticed 2 damaged leachate cleanout pipes and some gas ports cannot be located. He used to be able to find them, but they must have been knocked out. These are vents used to vent out the gases from the landfill. There are some parts around and inside the landfill that are tested for gas migration including methane. Between 5-15% are the explosive limits of methane.

SA says that there is a little ponding happening on the solar farm. The landfill is expected to settle in the next couple years, and when the solar project was brought in, that should have been a time that more dirt was brought in. Over the course of the next year, we should keep an eye on the settling, and ponding.

SA says the operating period for Solid Waste Solutions is coming up. He can put together an RFP by the end of February. Not much will change but he wants to make sure Warren wants the operator to continue to sell stickers and bags. He asks how many stickers were sold in 2021. 911 Total, 562 to residents, 349 to out-of-town residents.

BD asks to include maintenance of west landform in this RFP.

SA was to bring invoices to this meeting for services through FY22. He was unable to because there is no agreement on file with Barton & LoGuidice, so they won't let him bill Warren. SA give copies of an agreement to the Board of Health. Once signed, he can have invoices sent over. The agreement is only for services covering FY22.

7:45pm: DM motions to accept meeting minutes from 12/29/2021 and 1/27/2021. CF seconds, AIF

Next meeting date is scheduled for 3/16/2021 5 pm

6:36pm: CF motions to adjourn, DM seconds – AIF

Respectfully Submitted
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