

APPROVED

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
West Newbury, MA

Minutes

January 11, 2022 at 4:30pm - 2nd Floor Hearing Room

JAN 25 2022

BOARD: Robert Janes-Chairman, Blake Seale-Member, Thomas Fahey-Member
HEALTH AGENT: Paul Sevigny
ADMIN ASS'T: Jane Krafton

OTHERS: Angus Jennings-Town Manager, Sam Joslin-Building Inspector, Rick Parker-Select Board, Gary Bill-Resident.

I. BUSINESS:

- Reviewed December 7, 2021 minutes. **APPROVED 2-0-1** T. Fahey abstained (did not attend 12/7/21 meeting.)
- Reviewed FY23 Budget Submission.
- Discussed purchasing "At Home Covid Testing Kits" from the State's approved vendor list in anticipation of distributing to residents. Town Manager Jennings stated the Select Board has received \$700,000 from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in which the Select Board has sole authority and Select Board voted on January 3, 2022 to allocate \$30,000 for test kits. Currently, the kits cost between \$5 and \$26 depending on quantity being purchased. For the best pricing a full pallet (15,120 tests) would need to be purchased at a cost of \$78,000. Health Agent has reached out to the Town of Merrimac to explore the possibility of splitting a pallet. Board of Health, Town Manager and Select Board Member wondered if this would be a beneficial purchase or by the time the kits arrived would the "testing chaos" have settled down. R. Parker-Select Board Member mentioned that he had heard a report that insurance companies may start to issue payment on kits as well. After debating the many pros and cons of this purchase, T. Fahey made a motion not to purchase the "at home test kits" at this time, but to revisit the topic at future meetings. B. Seale seconded, and R. Janes in agreement. Voted unanimously **NOT TO APPROVE** the purchase of "at home test kits" at this time. 3-0-0.
- Sevigny requesting to bank comp time from vaccination clinics held on December 27, 2021, January 3 and January 10, 2022. **APPROVED 3-0-0** hours worked at those clinics will be used by Sevigny in full as comp-time on January 14, and 18th, 2022.
- Krafton request January 26, 2022 for appointment. **APPROVED 3-0-0.**

II. APPOINTMENTS:

- 4:45pm: Angus Jennings-Town Manager and Sam Joslin-Building Inspector to discuss Carr Post Building at 363 Main Street. After a lengthy discussion regarding past use, and potential future use, T. Fahey made a motion to approve the design flow at this property at 220 gallons per day, also the current approved septic (tight tank) plan on file dated February 22, 2021 will remain as the official plan which was approved on April 6, 2021, even though the plan has a design flow of 207 gallons per day. Second by B. Seale and R. Janes in agreement. Unanimously **APPROVED 3-0-0**

III. SEPTIC PLANS:

- 1-3 Major Boyd Drive, Michael Crowe, #21-30 Deer Run Land Dev. **APPROVED 2-0-1**
B. Seale is an abutter to this project and abstained from comment as well as reviewing septic plan.
- 190 Crane Neck Street, Mark Grabowski #21-28 Merrimack Eng. Services. **REJECTED**
(see health agent's plan review)

IV. FYI: No Action Needed

- Next scheduled meeting January 25, 2022

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm