

**WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 17, 2018**  
**4:30pm Second Floor Health Agent's Office**  
**1910 Office Building 381 Main Street**

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**Board:** Robert Janes-Chairman, Blake Seale-Member, Kimberly Cole-Member  
**Absent:** N/A  
**Health Agent:** Paul Sevigny  
**Admin Asst:** Jane Krafton  
**Others in Attendance:** Jason Mello-G. Mello Corp.

**R. Janes called meeting to order 4:35pm**

**I. NEW OFFICE BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed minutes dated June 26, 2018. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Reviewed minutes dated July 2, 2018. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Reviewed payroll and invoices. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Landfill update. Invoice for third party inspection was **approved and signed 3-0-0**. Just waiting for results.
- Krafton request to switch previously approved vacation day (Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>) for Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**II. APPOINTMENTS:**

- **4:45pm** Jason Mello, G. Mello Corporation to discuss the current predicament recycling services now face. Local recycling facilities have previously brought the recyclables to China for final processing. However, China has passed, and is currently enforcing a policy known as "China's National Sword" this policy has effectively closed the door to the processing facilities, leaving very few facilities that will accept single-stream recycled materials. With nowhere to bring these materials, they have been piling up at facilities across America and resulted in sky-rocketing fees. West Newbury is not alone in this crisis and the surrounding cities and towns are being forced to renegotiate their recycling contracts. Some communities have completely discontinued collection of recycling since there no cost effect place that can process the collected materials. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Mello, the Board reviewed information regarding recycling costs which are currently \$94.47 per ton. (As a point of reference, FY19 has a trash tonnage fee of \$68.) Mr. Mello reported that while he has endured the increased recycling processing costs for over a year, he felt he should present the issue to the Board, as he can no longer absorb these cost. The Board agreed that they will be forced to accept these price increases brought on by the overabundance of contaminated

comings recycling collected in our communities. Krafton will send out reminders via website "News and Alerts" to remind residents about the materials that are no longer accepted in hopes to clean up our recycling by removing contamination from the single stream such as plastic bags and food wastes. The increased recycling costs will ultimately exceed the amount the approved amount in the Town Budget. Krafton will send a memo to the Selectmen, Town Manager and FinCom requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of increasing Waste Line Item #510-5290, by approximately \$50,000 to cover costs for processing the Town's recycling.

### **III. SEPTIC PLANS:**

- **22 Parsons Road**, Bruce & Joyce Hurd #18-14 Scanlan Eng. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **Lot 2A Middle Street**, Susan Follansbee #18-17 Williams & Sparages. **FAILED**
- **Lot 2B Middle Street**, Susan Follansbee #18-18 Williams & Sparages. **FAILED**

### **IV. FYI: No Action Needed:**

- **AUGUST MEETINGS:** August 14, & 28, 2018 (Kim will not be will available on the 14<sup>th</sup>)

Next Meeting Scheduled for **August 14, 2018**  
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Meeting Adjourned at 5:30pm