

**WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES**

October 22, 2019 - Tuesday  
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, Thomas Fahey-Member

**Absent:** N/A

**Health Agent:** Paul Seigny

**Admin Asst:** Jane Krafton

**Others in Attendance:** Scott Berkenbush-Resident, Jason Mello-G. Mello Disposal.

R. Janes called meeting to order at 4:30pm

**I. NEW OFFICE BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed minutes dated October 8, 2019. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Reviewed invoices and payroll. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Steele Landfill update, NEET Data Report dated 10/8/19. Health Agent states status quo.
- Krafton requests October 23<sup>rd</sup> (1/2 day) and 24<sup>th</sup> vacation. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Septic extension Lot 3 Turkey Hill Road. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Artichoke Dairy Farm discuss reservoir. Cows are in the reservoir water, Health Agent will follow-up with Newburyport and will talk with farmer Colby.

**II. APPOINTMENTS:**

- Scott Berkenbush-Chestnut Lane regarding Pipestave Recycling area. Currently S. Berkenbush is working Saturdays at the recycling center under the Senior Tax Work Off Program on Saturdays. He informed the Board that the gate to the recycling center has been unlocked almost every Saturday he has worked, but makes sure it's locked when he leaves. S. Berkenbush also, stated that he has been trying to keep as many plastic bags as possible out of the containers, but many come in during the week when he is not there. He suggested that a "NO PLASTIC BAG" sign be installed by both co-mingle and paper containers. S. Berkenbush would like to apply for the position when the Board posts the available job. Krafton will work on job posting and email to Board, Seale also requested the posting be submitted to M. McCarren Town Counsel for his review.
- Jason Mello-G. Mello Disposal regarding curbside trash & recycling contract. The current contract will expire June 2020; however the budget packages usually come out in December for the following fiscal year and the Board would like to have numbers. J. Mello asked the Board if they would consider implementing an automated curbside barrel collection. He currently has this program in Newburyport and Amesbury for recycling. Mello Disposal owns the barrels in Newburyport and is able to replace and repair resident's barrels when they are in disrepair. J. Mello estimates that it would cost W.Newbury \$114,000 to cover the whole town one barrel per household. Also, by going

automated it would reduce the cost to Mello with regards to labor and workman's compensation claims. Presuming that some of the savings would be passed on to the Town.

Board also discussed with J. Mello the possibility of charging for bulk items. Board is skeptical that there are that many bulk items being put curbside weekly to make a cost difference. J. Mello will have his drivers keep track over the next several weeks. The average bulk item is estimated to weigh 50Lbs give or take. Per ton that's 40 items. Current tip fee per ton is \$69.

J. Mello also informed the Board that the State soon will be banning all mattresses and box springs from the waste stream. Board is aware of pending ban and Krafon has already in contact with Newburyport regarding the recycling program that they have implemented and has arranged for W. Newbury residents to be able to participate at Newburyport's recycling center when the time comes.

The Board requested some time to consider all suggestions and will make some decisions. Krafon to put item on November 12<sup>th</sup> agenda for Board to revisit. Board will get back to J. Mello ASAP so in turn he can submit a contract proposal.

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

- **7 Robin Road**, Brad Shaeffer #19-34 The Morin-Cameron Group. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **274 Main Street**, Doris Baily #19-33 Williams & Sparages. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

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

- November meetings 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meetings Scheduled for: **November 12, 2019**  
4:30 pm Second Floor - Health Agent's Office  
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R. Janes called the to adjournment at 6:20pm