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**WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH**

381 Main Street, Town Office Building

West Newbury, MA

**MINUTES**

September 28, 2021 at 4:30pm

**APPROVED**

**OCT 26 2021**

BOARD: Robert Janes-Chairman, Blake Seale-Member, Thomas Fahey-Member

HEALTH AGENT: Paul Sevigny

ADMIN ASS'T: Jane Krafton

- OTHERS: Wendy Reed-Select Board, Diane Dardeno-Public Health Nurse, Jason Mello-G. Mello Disposal

**I. BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed August 31, 2021 minutes. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Steele Landfill updates: Health Agent reported that last week, that the seven private wells located within 500 feet of the landfill were tested for 1,4 Dioxin, results showed no detection.
- P. Sevigny-Health Agent request October 12-15, 2021 vacation days. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- J. Krafton-Admin request October 7 and 18 and 19, 2021 vacation days. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- S. Berkenbush-Recycling Coordinator request October 2 and November 13 vacation days. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Flu shot clinic discussion update: Health Agent reports that he and PHN have been unsuccessful in their attempt to secure a date from CVS, Conley's Pharmacy and Pentucket Medical to provide the town a flu shot clinic. R. Janes is concerned that the Health Department and Council on Aging are putting double the effort and not working together. He would like two departments to communicate. Board also discussed the possibility of purchasing State vaccine, with funds set aside for Covid expenses. Board and PHN agreed that the effort and expense of this would not be a cost-effective event. Board voted 3-0-0 not to pursue the purchase of vaccine, and to encourage residents to seek flu vaccines at their physician's office or local pharmacy. Health Agent said he will send COA Director an email this week with an update regarding the health department's flu clinic effort.
- Hazardous Waste Event update: Newburyport will have the Colby Farm Lane Recycling Area open Saturday for electronic drop-off during the same hours of the HHW Event on Saturday October 2. T. Fahey, P. Sevigny and J. Krafton will be working event.
- Discussed next meeting date, all agreed that due to vacations, the Board will determine next meeting date as needed.

- B&D Associates submitted a quote for sharps collection which is less expensive than the current provider and only require a two-box minimum. Approval by Board was given to use B&D Associates for future collection of sharps.
- R. Janes wondered if we could provide Covid-19 stats and info on the Health Department webpage. R. Janes stated that other Towns have this information on their website and he thinks it would be helpful if we could provide Covid information on our website as well. Health Agent explained that some of the other towns have hired an outside contractor to do their Covid public relations and weekly updates of stats. T. Fahey wonders how many residents actually use the Town's website. Health Agent will check with the Assistant Town Clerk and reach out to Groveland as well as Merrimac for their contact, to explore how to best accomplish getting up-to-date Covid information on the Town's website. R. Janes also asked the PHN if there was a way of contacting the COA Director when a 65-year-old and older resident is confirmed with Covid in order for COA to be able to follow up with the resident. Public Health Nurse suggested that when she calls the resident for contact tracing information that she passes along the COA contact information so the resident can decide if they would like to contact COA for services. R. Janes is satisfied
- Automated Trash Program updates: Request for barrels and stickers have slowed dramatically. Krafton reported that 3 households have scheduled bulk item collection for Friday, October 8, 2021.
  - Turnover to G. Mello \$1,100
  - Turnover to Revolving Fund \$600
  - As of September 27, 2021:
    - 38 Trash carts purchased
    - 30 Recycle carts purchased
    - 70 Trash permits purchased

## II. APPOINTMENTS:

- **4:45PM** Diane Dardeno Public Health Nurse regarding Covid updates. (list of questions attached). Diane reports that during the month of September contact tracing was 16 hours, and approximately 50% of those that she contacted were unvaccinated. No deaths. A large amount of the positives reported that they had been to some kind of family gathering ie. wedding, reunion, vacation. Diane also reported that so far only one positive in Pentucket Regional School District.
- **5:00PM** Jason Mello, G. Mello Disposal, curbside and Pipestave updates. (Tonnage reports attached) Jason reports that curbside collection with the automated system is going extremely well. His drivers are very happy with system, it is a quicker way of collecting however some of the roads have to be driven twice due to the reach of the barrel collector. All in all, the collection days are running approximately the same time to complete the routes. B. Seale requested J. Mello remove barrels that were left up at the DPW barn to be collected sometime before the end of November. J. Mello confirmed that the barrels will be collected.

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

- 11 Indian Ridge Hill, #21-26 Mark Hogan. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- 326 Main Street, #21-27 Pearson Honda, tight tank. Plan presented needs a couple of modifications. Board verbally agreed to approve when the plan is corrected and resubmitted.
- 326 Main Street, #21-17 Pearson Honda, revised conventional septic plan. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

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

- R. Janes inquired whether residents finishing off a basement area for storage, do they need to file a deed restriction. Health Agent explained that households that make basement and or attack areas into a potential living space, by finishing them off and they do not comply with the State Housing Code do need to file a deed restriction otherwise, he would not be able to sign off on the building permit. It also becomes a little challenging since the building code and the housing code are not in sync with each other regarding the natural light requirement. Health Agent will follow-up with the building department regarding the codes.

Next Meeting TBD

## Jane Krafton

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**From:** Tom Fahey <tfahey63@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 4:05 PM  
**To:** Jane Krafton  
**Subject:** Questions for PHN~BOH meeting 9/28/21

Hi Jane,

I sent these to Diane last night so I'm not sure if she received them but if she did, here they are if you need them for the minutes.

tom

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Hi Diane,

Here are some questions for you for our meeting tomorrow. I know these are being sent to you late and I do not expect that you would have researched any of these questions, but if you could give your general feelings and impressions from your tracing work that would be great.

1. Has your time required for tracing increased considerably in the last 2 months?
2. What is your estimate of new cases that are unvaccinated.
3. Do we have a high amount of severe cases that required hospitalization?
4. Is there a common activity (travel, socializing, etc) that most new cases share?
5. Do you have concerns about the positive cases in the schools?
6. What can the BOH do to support efforts to decrease new cases and increase vaccinations rates with unvaccinated residents?

I will send these questions to Jane also, so she can refer to them for our minutes.

Thank you Diane.

FY22 G. MELLO AND COVANTA INVOICES

**Mello Trash=\$252,180 Covanta \$149,760= total \$401,940.00.  
Mello Recyc=\$45,000.**

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| MONTH                                                                                 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY19 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY20 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY21 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY22 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY23 | Recyc tonnage & price<br>FY24 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JULY                                                                                  | 44.50 / \$89.67               | 40.20 / \$84.35               | 37.60 / \$84.01               | 35.65 / \$10.87               |                               |                               |
| AUGUST                                                                                | 36.91 / \$88.49               | 32.85 / \$82.44               | 31.88 / \$83.71               | 27.94 / \$14.56               |                               |                               |
| SEPTEMBER                                                                             | 28.12 / \$80.46               | 36.34 / \$76.22               | 38.03 / \$69.66               |                               |                               |                               |
| OCTOBER                                                                               | 43.92 / \$75.66               | 33.02 / \$78.55               | 32.97 / \$65.98               |                               |                               |                               |
| NOVEMBER                                                                              | 40.36 / \$69.06               | 33.74 / \$91.98               | 49.50 / \$50.00               |                               |                               |                               |
| DECEMBER                                                                              | 44.50 / \$70.01               | 41.25 / \$101.22              | 37.99 / \$51.70               |                               |                               |                               |
| JANUARY                                                                               | 38.39 / \$73.89               | 44.76 / \$99.54               | 44.78 / \$42.41               |                               |                               |                               |
| FEBRUARY                                                                              | 30.32 / \$81.20               | 27.55 / \$98.46               | 29.97 / \$36.59               |                               |                               |                               |
| MARCH                                                                                 | 40.99 / \$72.92               | 28.68 / \$101.56              | 38.29 / \$33.45               |                               |                               |                               |
| APRIL                                                                                 | 33.83 / \$74.95               | 34.49 / \$88.45               | 33.04 / \$25.09               |                               |                               |                               |
| MAY                                                                                   | 45.16 / \$79.01               | 33.82 / \$93.33               | 41.39 / \$12.26               |                               |                               |                               |
| JUNE                                                                                  | 36.74 / \$81.56               | 43.51 / \$77.12               | 28.91 / \$10.83               |                               |                               |                               |
|                                                                                       |                               | both contracts expire June    | mello extension expire June   |                               | covanta expire June           |                               |
| <b>TOTAL TON</b>                                                                      | <b>463.76</b>                 | <b>430.21</b>                 | <b>0.00</b>                   | <b>0.00</b>                   | <b>0.00</b>                   | <b>0.00</b>                   |
| <b>Estimated Ton</b>                                                                  | 500tons @ \$100               | 500tons @ \$100               | 600tons @ \$110               |                               |                               |                               |
| <b>Recycling \$ Actual</b>                                                            | \$36,134.29                   | 35,333.94                     |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| <b>* FY19 REFLECTS BOTH CURBSIDE AND PIPESTAVE RECYCLABLES (EXCLUDING BULK METAL)</b> |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| <b>* Recycling charges begins, received August 1st. FY19</b>                          |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| <b>* Special Town Meeting 10/22/18 Article 3 approved \$50,000</b>                    |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |

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\* Special Town Meeting 10/22/18 Article 3 approved \$50,000

# TRASH TONNAGE

| MONTH         | FY14 - \$72                    | FY15 - \$74                    | FY16 - \$65                    | FY17 - \$66                    | FY18 - \$67                    | FY19 - \$68                    | FY20 - \$69                    | FY21 - \$90                    | FY22 - \$93.60 | FY23 - \$97.34 |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| JULY          | 125.24                         | 105.57                         | 90.10                          | 116.22                         | 134.64                         | 106.88                         | 120.86                         | 122.33                         | 111.36         |                |
| AUGUST        | 115.85                         | 115.79                         | 118.73                         | 115.70                         | 108.26                         | 119.93                         | 123.04                         | 137.27                         | 110.04         |                |
| SEPTEMBER     | 120.24                         | 119.67                         | 100.12                         | 108.17                         | 129.83                         | 96.70                          | 109.77                         | 158.47                         |                |                |
| OCTOBER       | 107.68                         | 116.86                         | 94.71                          | 104.28                         | 122.40                         | 117.50                         | 107.03                         | 117.47                         |                |                |
| NOVEMBER      | 117.56                         | 107.11                         | 142.88                         | 123.91                         | 120.77                         | 133.20                         | 121.81                         | 140.50                         |                |                |
| DECEMBER      | 125.70                         | 128.40                         | 94.77                          | 107.14                         | 116.81                         | 108.19                         | 104.25                         | 109.30                         |                |                |
| JANUARY       | 115.42                         | 106.88                         | 137.43                         | 132.92                         | 131.52                         | 90.06                          | 113.97                         | 128.48                         |                |                |
| FEBRUARY      | 90.76                          | 87.30                          | 113.18                         | 87.98                          | 91.42                          | 75.86                          | 88.75                          | 91.20                          |                |                |
| MARCH         | 107.81                         | 105.34                         | 100.98                         | 90.10                          | 110.46                         | 108.65                         | 110.36                         | 118.19                         |                |                |
| APRIL         | 117.81                         | 105.90                         | 102.67                         | 101.59                         | 106.00                         | 116.64                         | 106.25                         | 121.40                         |                |                |
| MAY           | 114.08                         | 124.00                         | 114.87                         | 136.85                         | 127.53                         | 108.23                         | 148.94                         | 124.54                         |                |                |
| JUNE          | 117.46                         | 123.90                         | 103.33                         | 111.03                         | 127.18                         | 126.17                         | 123.92                         | 114.5                          |                |                |
| TOTALS        | 1375.61<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1346.72<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1313.77<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1335.89<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1426.82<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1308.01<br>Estimated 1500 tons | 1378.95<br>Estimated 1600 tons | 1483.65<br>Estimated 1600 tons |                |                |
| Covanta COSTS | \$ 99,043.92                   | \$ 99,657.28                   | \$ 85,395.05                   | \$ 88,168.74                   | \$ 95,596.94                   | \$ 88,944.68                   | \$ 95,147.55                   | \$ 133,528.50                  |                |                |
|               |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                | contracts expire               | mello extension expire         |                | covanta expire |