

**WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES**

October 8, 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 Sevigny

**Admin Asst:** Jane Krafton

**Others in Attendance:** N/A

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

**I. NEW OFFICE BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed minutes dated September 17, 2019. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Reviewed invoices and payroll. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Discussed Steele Landfill update – Health Agent states that the project is status quo. The gas vent and wells are being tested today and tomorrow. State has yet to approve the plan. But Health Agent doesn't anticipate a problem. Board reviewed the document provided by Cornerstone dated 9/19/19.
- Krafton requests October 10, 2019 off for medical. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Board reviewed (2) articles for Special Town Meeting. Both for the Steele Landfill. \$11,500 – DEP mandate testing and \$66,000 for the gas migration interceptor trench on Middle Street.
- Discussed septic system inspection located at 275 Main Street. Board asked the Health Agent to follow up with a reminder letter regarding inspection of the system.
- Reviewed request from Children's Harvard to support Bill H1902 dated 9/30/19. Board acknowledged the importance of the vaping issue.
- Reviewed Annual MS4 report, requested by the Town Manager dated 9/30/19.
- Discussed Health Agent's unused vacation time for FY19. Board approved for Health Agent to take the next 3 Friday's off and use the rest of his vacation as he sees fit.
- Discussed trash/recycling pricing. On September 11, 2019 Krafton contacted both Covanta and Wheelabrator for tip fee numbers on the anticipated contract that renews July 2020. Neither Covanta nor Wheelabrator provided any tip fee information. Covanta stated in an email that they do not have any space and therefore would not be able to provide any pricing at this time (email dated 10/2/19). Krafton contacted DEP Coordinator Sharon Kishida for assistance. She said that she has been told by several Essex communities they are experiencing similar challenges and a substantial increase in their tip fees. Some of the larger communities have been quoted trash tip fees ranging from \$90 to \$107 per ton and recycling as high as \$150 per ton. Also since the State of Massachusetts has more trash than there is disposal capacity, and the Mass DEP are NOT permitting any additional burn combustors, has resulted in a "seller's" market which equals a sizable jump in pricing.

Board also review the 2020 recycling/trash calendar flyer. Krafton proposed several changes. T. Fahey suggested leaving the plastic recycling numbers on the flyer making it clear to the resident what is acceptable. Krafton will contact Mello and confirm that the 1-7 are still acceptable. Health Agent requested that our website be listed on the back of the flyer informing the resident that they can type in any item they have a question on and the search will indicate whether or not is a recyclable item. Krafton also plans on including a separate informational sheet regarding clean recycling to be used as a household reference.

## **II. APPOINTMENTS:**

- **4:45pm** N/A.

## **III. SEPTIC PLANS:**

- **413 Middle St**, Robert Tommasino #19-27 Eng. Land Services. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **72 Ash Street**, Linda Lucken #19-28 Williams & Sparages. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **14 Kimball Road**, John Graf #19-30 Williams & Sparages. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **8 Waterside Lane**, B. Smith #19-29 Merrimack Eng. Services. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **121 Middle Street**, Leonard D'Alessandro #19-32 Scanlan Eng. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

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

- November meetings 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Policy on Disposal of Surplus Property dated 9/3/19.
- Personnel updates – Finance Department dated 9/6/19.
- State Public Health Officials announce 11<sup>th</sup> Human Case – EEE dated 9/25/19.

Next Meetings Scheduled for: **October 22, 2019**  
4:30 pm Second Floor - Health Agent's Office  
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**R. Jane adjourned meeting 5.40pm**