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November 8th 6:00 pm Chester Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 6:18pm Board of Health Office

Present: Nicholas Chiusano, Chair; Elizabeth Massa, Clerk, Greg Harrison, Ann Daley (Chester HRMC rep), James Higby, Bob Daley

Approve 10-04-2019 meeting minutes: all voted yes

Transfer station fees for Couch/Mattress discussion. Wickles is charging the town \$40 per couch and \$30 per mattress. We charge twin mattress \$20, full/queen \$25 and king \$30, couch broken up \$15 and couch \$25. NC proposes to charge \$30 per mattress any size and \$30 per box spring any size. NC made motion of his proposal, EM 2nd and all voted yes. GH made motion to charge \$40 per couch any length, NC 2nd and all voted yes.

Transfer Station operating hours discussion to change Wednesday hours from 3:30 to 6:30pm to 3:00 to 6:00pm. There are usually 0 to 1 users after 6pm. GH made motion to change hours, NC 2nd and all voted yes.

Status report of HRMC application/correspondence by Ann Daley, Town of Chester appointed HRMC representative. Ann reviewed action list given by HRMC for Chester to complete; waste ban, DEP permit to operate, 3rd party inspection, clean up trash in perimeter, compliance plan for street sweepings, handrails at open boxes. EM replied we have completed all these items except street sweepings plan which was given to the DPW. HRMC compliance is much more stringent than DEP. The new MRF proposed contract for 2020 was passed out. Many changes to recycling including higher costs and stricter recycling rules. July 2020 to June 2021 fee per ton will be \$93.50, we pay \$80 per ton now. Glass will no longer be able to be recycled; we need to get an action plan. Contamination fee is \$300 per load if entire load is rejected. EM noted we have had zero dirty loads since June 2019 due to the BOH volunteering at the transfer station checking all bins, especially GH who checks on the Transfer Station almost daily. After hours dumping at the transfer station is an issue due to rubbish being left at the compactor and animals picking through it, also items not dumped in the proper containers. EM noted there was a street light complete with light bulb in the open box dumped after hours. There have been many occasions that this has happened and reported to the BOS. Gates are locked, only departments with keys are dumping after hours. NC suggested a meeting with CMELD regarding their usage of the transfer station after hours and not contributing to the cost. More changes to the recycling for 2020; No shredded paper will be accepted, no aerosol

cans, can recycle clear egg cartons and clear plastic cups, no glass, mandatory public education fee of 5 cents per capita per year, BD suggested using clear town bags. BD suggested education to start now on new recycling rules. All agreed. EM noted there are 553 residents in Chester and there are 203 current permits. The BOH will look into more ways to save the town \$ for its trash and recycling. It costs more to recycle than to dump rubbish.

EM to research grants. GH to finish signage for traffic flow and bins as requested by DEP. EM reports there is still a steady stream of permitting for new septic systems this year. EM to start contacting abandoned/blight house homeowners to work on cleaning them up.

NC Motion to adjourn, all in favor at 7:40pm.

Approved 12-08-2019