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BOARD OF HEALTH

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December 6th, 2019 6:00 pm Chester Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 6:15pm Board of Health Office
Present: Elizabeth Massa, Clerk, Greg Harrison

Approve 11-08-2019 meeting minutes: all voted yes

Transfer station fees: Adjust pricing for fees to keep inline with Wickles charges:

Chairs upholstered/Recliners \$15 VOTE EM motion all approve

Chairs Regular \$5 EM motion all approve

Tables Kitchen/Dining \$10 End Tables \$5 GH motion all approve

Doors \$10 EM motion all approve

Toilet \$15 discussion, GH price should stay the same and is inline with other towns. GH motion all approve

TV \$20 all sizes discussion, price is based on weight by Wickles EM motion all approve

Microwave \$10 all sizes EM too confusing with different sizes GH motion all approve

Vacuum Cleaner \$5 electronics fee, GH we don't have a line item currently for a vacuum and it is needed. GM motion all approve

Review 2019 to date Transfer Station Receipts/Expenses report: EM created a database where we can keep track of exp./rec. up to date so that we can note any budget changes. EM will enter 2018 as well and search files for paper records to transpose to digital. Electronics income for 2019 to date is \$591 expenses to date \$2,200 with one more pick up to go. GH says do not call for third pickup for 2019 to save \$ and we will shop for new electronics box company. GH will go to Huntington to investigate Gold Circuit for better pricing, they also recycle Styrofoam. GH to discuss propane tank recycling as well. George Propane offers a \$5 recycling fee of propane tanks currently. Need to find out if we need a box/associated fees if any. We had one metal pickup in 2019 by Wickles for 10,350 lbs, Wickles charged us \$175 for haul plus \$42 in fuel and we pay \$60 per month rent for the container. We received \$415.85 for the scrap metal BEFORE fees, metal dumpster is not cost effective and fees charged for metal recycling does not cover the cost of the box. GH will call Kane scrap metal requesting fees and cost of box, rental should be waived.

Yearly food permit fees: BOH currently charges \$150 per year for profit business and \$75 non-profit. This fee is for 2 inspections per year. Health Agents charge \$75 per hour min 2 hours per inspection leaving BOH in \$150 red. GH discussed inspections be done in bulk and in house whenever possible, Further discussion in next BOH meeting because Food Permits will all expire 12-31-019.

HRMC discussion, Ann Daley no show. HRMC contract must be signed by 12-31-2019 if town wants to be a member for July 1, 2020. Kathleen Casey sent all descriptive info via email including MOU for Chester. EM would like to know what is the tax payer getting for the \$7,000 fee. This money was voted for by the town in 2019 and appropriated however EM disagrees with spending \$7,000.00 for this membership. It includes a 3rd party inspection (4500 value) and a guaranteed grant \$ based on tonnage, most towns receive \$4,000, however Chester tonnage is significantly lower than most towns, does this lower ur grant \$ to ?? how much, what are we getting for the rest of the \$? GH will contact Kathleen Casey to invite her to meet with the BOS before 12-31-2019 to explain.

GH motion to adjourn, all in favor at 7:53 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED 02-28-2020