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Board of Health Meeting
Town Hall BOH Office

November 5th, 2021 at 5:30 pm Meeting called to order @ 5:39pm

In attendance: Elizabeth Massa (EM), Duane Pease (DP), Nicholas J Chiusano, Chair (NC) via phone, Norma MacDonald.

Agenda

Approve last meeting minutes Approved last meeting minutes of October 8, 2021: all voted yes.

New Business

-Board of Health Clerk review and recommendation to BOS to hire Reviewed both applicants. Discussed that one had more office experience than the other, both are qualified, one is retired and more apt to stay at a part time position as job is for 2 to 3 hours per week. Other applicant has DPH experience but in another state, not Massachusetts. Office hours are a requirement for the position and the applicant must be able to work with the public. Permit Eyes BOH platform was also discussed, the board hopes that if this platform can be used in the near future, it will save labor time and in addition applicants can pay with a credit card. This position is for an office clerk. Voted to recommend Rosemary Dalesandro for BOH Part time clerk position to BOS. NC motion, EM 2nd, all voted yes. NC stated letter should be sent to other applicant for thank you for applying. Letter of recommendation to hire to be sent to BOS.

-Masks in Town Hall DP recommended that masks should be worn inside town hall as is being done in other communities of un-vaccinated individuals. Municipal buildings should require masks being worn of un-vaccinated individuals town-wide. COVID cases are on the rise in Chester. DP asked for signage to be posted stating "if you are not vaccinated, you must wear a mask in all municipal buildings per Board of Health". Voted DP motion, NC 2nd, all voted yes. Signage template will be sent to town administrator to be posted in all municipal buildings.

-Discuss town wide transfer station permit fee/discontinuation of demo/elimination of bag stickers DP would like to have a senior discount for transfer station permits effective new fiscal year to be \$50. Town wide transfer station fee discussed as some residents have curbside pick-up. There are pros and cons to this change as all residents will be able to use the transfer station and then the bag stickers could be eliminated. All financials (tonnage, hauls, fuel, sticker cost) will have to be taken into consideration and numbers will need to be brought to the table. There are currently 280 permit holders in Chester. EM will research to verify how many curbside residents are in Chester. The only Hauler who is permitted in Chester is USA and recycling is mandatory. Demo discussed to be eliminated due to cost however several days of collection per year would be provided. This is a continuing discussion in order to try to save tax payer money by decreasing services and

costs at the transfer station. Recycling would be increased as we will be able to provide more free of charge recycling services with a town permit. A two thirty-three-gallon bag per person limit per visit was also discussed.

-Discuss Book Bin Recycling at transfer station Discover Books has offered a book bin recycling station to be placed at the transfer station at no cost. A bin similar to our current Salvation Army bin will be placed to accept books, these books will be recycled at no cost to Chester or its residents. There is no contract for this service. Voted to place a book recycling bin at the transfer station EM motion, DP 2nd all voted yes.

Old Business

"Any other business the Chairperson could not identify at the time of this posting"

Chester Mountain Spring has failed DEP inspection, too much water being drawn from the water source. NC stated Em should call the DEP and ask if there is anything else the BOH needs to do in this matter.

Meeting will adjourn Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by EM, DP 2nd, all voted yes.

Approved 01-14-22

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