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Board of Health Meeting Via Zoom March 22nd, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Meeting Called to order @ 5:00 pm

In attendance: Bob Daley, Elaine Gilmore, Taylor Millspaugh, Loren Davine, Duane Pease (DP), Nicholas Chiusano, Chair (NC) Elizabeth Massa (EM), Norma MacDonald

Agenda

Approve last meeting minutes of February 16th 2022 Motion to approve (DP), all voted yes.

New Business

-Proposed senior discounted rate of FY2023 transfer station permit \$50 and vote Discussion senior rate is 65 years of age and over and to provide ID. Motion to approve (DP), all voted yes.

-Proposed all pure metal to be disposed of in the metal dumpster with no fee and vote. Discussion that all pure, small, clean scrap metal is free; all other metal items including lawn mowers etc. a fee is still charged. Motion to approve (EM) all voted yes.

-Loren Davine discussing our Hampshire County Public Health Excellence Grant: overview & update, Introducing the team, share local data, learn more about what services we would like to see offered in Chester. Chester BOH has applied for and is now part of the Hampshire Preparedness Health Coalition, there are eighteen communities, it is 911 planning for public health. We are prepared for any health emergencies and are part of this plan because our hub is Gateway Regional who is located in Hampshire County hence Chester is qualified. State grant funding is available to Chester and we are taking advantage of this. The Public Health Excellence Grant gives us the money to do more for our residents. This is a three-year grant cycle which lasts nine years total. The City of Northampton hosted the grant and management staff therefore the Health Coalition is based there. Services available to Chester are; public health nurses available to the COA, the community, events, etc. like blood pressure screenings. We also have access to the regional health database to see and study our health in this area. The last ten months were spent on COVID-19, now we can move on to proactive health. Services available to Chester are COVID contact tracing, data, vaccine clinics (covid and flu) including homebound vaccines. In the future we are hoping to provide services for inspections: camps, restaurants and septic systems. DP asked about permit eyes being paid for by grant funding? Loren looking into this.

-Taylor Millspaugh of CMRK with presentation of Textile Diversion Program for Chester. Taylor explained how CMRK can offer recycling services to Chester, free of cost. Items include clothing, textiles, small household items. We will be paid seven cents per pound. Sandisfield and Blandford are utilizing their services now. They also offer free home pick up once a month to homes and take left over swap shop items if we were to have a swap shop again. CMRK provides a metal container for textiles, linens, curtains, shoes, hats, purses, small

rugs. These items are all donated to other parts of the country where there is a great need. DP would like further information before voting to sign up with CMRK. Taylor to send detailed info via email for the Board to review.

-Review Universal Waste Shed Prices The universal waste shed grant that we have been awarded for \$3,000 last year will be spent on a shed for universal waste as directed in the grant. BOH gathered pricing from Hometown Structures \$3,665.00 delivered complete, Patruno Builders \$3,000.00 built on site and Home Depot \$2,600 (we build it ourselves) and \$3,699 delivered complete. After reviewing the materials being provided with all sheds, various qualities DP made a motion to choose Patruno Builders all voted yes.

Old Business

Permit eyes final cost was discussed at it is much cheaper than previously discussed at \$2,700.00, using only the most needed platforms for BOH permitting. EM the Book Bin for books recycling will be put in place at the Transfer Station for no fee as previously discussed.

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

Meeting will adjourn DP motion to adjourn at 5:58 pm.

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