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**Board of Health Meeting at Town Hall BOH Office April 21st, 2023 at 5:00 pm**

**Open Public Meeting** 5:00 pm Duane Pease (DP), Nicholas Chiusano (NC) chair, Elizabeth Massa (EM), Via Zoom: Elaine Gilmore, Norma MacDonald, Rich Holzman, Sister Judy, Bob Daley.

**Agenda**

- Approve last meeting minutes of February 3rd, 2023. DP motion, all approved.
  - Review draft Alternative Housing Application Read through draft Alternative Housing Permit application provided by Charlie Kaniecki and reviewed by Town Counsel. DP motion, all approved.
  - Review status of April 1<sup>st</sup> Housing Code changes and next steps by Charlie Kaniecki (Health Agent) CK to review all properties that fall into this category that are either known or brought to the BOH attention by the assessor or any other person. New housing code per MA State code regulates "houses, camps or structures" which do not fall into the current requirements of single/multi family homes. They would require Electrical service/solar, plumbing, heating, sanitary drainage, a toilet, grey water, etc. as specified in 104CMR410.710.
  - Review proposed swap shed buildings agreed upon twenty-foot storage container with a 36" door cut in on the side, painted one color. Reviewed pricing for all types of buildings.
  - discuss clear bags at the Transfer Station 33-gallon max size clear bags will be phased in by July 1, 2023. ½ of a rubbish bag sticker may be used on each of two 13-gallon bags in lieu of a 33-gallon bag. No black bags will be accepted as of July 1, 2023. Voted all household rubbish must be deposited in a clear trash bag as of July 1, 2023. DP motion, all approved.
  - Discuss DEP violation of Human Feces at Transfer Station Reviewed all steps and investigations into the dumping of human feces at the transfer station as reported by Dave Wickles Trucking, Casella Waste and the Mass DEP and all actions taken. Heavy monitoring of rubbish dumped at the transfer station, review of all failed septic, signage, press releases, social media messages, town website notices all reviewed. Next time this happens Wickles will not haul our rubbish and we will not be able to operate. DEP will also revoke our permit to operate. Discussed opening bags? Clear bags seem to be the best way to monitor all rubbish coming in to the transfer station. Most towns are now requiring clear bags to encourage recycling as well. Tip line created for anonymous tips about illegal dumping. Make an info sheet that runs through all the information residents should know about the transfer station.
- And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting DP asked about responding to complaints, can officials enter onto properties, answer is no but will check with town council. DP asked if BOH has any involvement in liquor licenses, answer was no. All agreed to re-send out requests for bids for the transfer station contract since only two were received for rubbish, recycling, metal and bulky. DP asked to look up trailer bylaw. Question was asked if AARPA funds can be used to pay for demo of 80 Route 20.

**Meeting will adjourn** adjourned at 6:59 pm DP motion, all approved

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*Approved June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Elizabeth Massa*