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BOARD OF HEALTH

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Board of Health Meeting Town Hall October 23rd, 2024 at 5:00 pm

In attendance: Charlie Kaniecki, Duane Pease (phone), Nicholas Chiusano (chair), Elizabeth Massa (clerk)
Open Public Meeting in Basement
5:01 pm

Agenda

-Approve last meeting minutes of August 29th, 2024.
DP motion, all approved.

-8 Emery Street Rear Condemnation Hearing (5:30 pm)

EM abstain from this agenda item (conflict). CK completed an inspection of this property 08/29/24 of structures without temporary housing permits also lacking water, sewage disposal, heating and electrical power. CK recommends condemnation with order to board and secure by 10/30/24, land cleaned, lawn mowed down to 12 inches, no camping and remove buildings by 04-15-25. DP motion, approved, EM abstain.

-171 Prospect Street Condemnation Hearing (5:00 pm)

CK issued order which had deadline of 05-01-24 to repair septic, no power, no water, unfit for human habitation, inspected 08-29-24 with no one present. CK recommends condemnation. DP motion, all approved.

-Transfer Station Alternates

Two letters of interest for alternates at the transfer station reviewed and recommended. The transfer station is always looking for alternates to fill in for sick/vac days.

-MRF Contract

EM the MRF contract is being extended for five years to all communities, Chester has received the contract extension, recommend to BOS to sign contract (there are no other options for waste hauling besides the MRF) DP motion, all approved.

And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting

EM Mercury Spill Kits are being offered for free from the DEP with free training for our universal swap shed. Chester has signed up for two kits and training.

EM assessor quarterly property transfer list has not been received since 12-2023, this information is used to ensure Title V procedures during transfer of ownership is kept up to date. EM to check with assessor why these reports have stopped coming and request them.

NC Water Commissioners asked to dump silt from Austin Brook Reservoir at transfer station. There is no room at the TS for the dirt, also road has recently been repaired with stone and DEP would require special permission to do so. Board voted no dirt at the TS from reservoir.

EM to go through last Enforcement reports to discuss at next meeting also send to CK for updates.

EM stated board should go over last five years of transfer station reports because permit holders have dropped this year, also look at alternatives beside the transfer station. EM to distribute copies of the last several years of TS reports to the board.

CK update 31 William Street complaint, owner is cleaning up property of debris.

CK and BOH to state time deadline on all Title V compliance letters (up to two years maximum, case by case basis on time deadline depending on degree of failure).

Meeting will adjourn 5:43 pm DP motion, all approved

Posted _____ by _____

*approved March 5, 2025
Elizabeth Massa*