

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2007 7PM

PRESENT: David Merry, Tim Barnett, Erik Lowe. Health Agent John Powers and asst. Hadden Blair.

A snow storm had started before the meeting, and it was likely that David Merry would have to leave early to plow roads, so the normal order of the meeting was changed to allow for discussion and votes concerning the LDO operation and repairs.

LANDFILL/REFUSE DISTRICT:

The Agent began by giving the Board monetary figures on the year round cost of operation (to the BOH budget), and the potential savings that would be realized if seasonal closure were to take place. The discussion centered around the trade off between the convenience for residents if operated year round, and the savings if closed seasonally. Monthly average costs for November, December, January, February, and March were examined for the potential savings amount if closed. The Board felt that the savings were minimal, and therefore not worth the inconvenience to residents if closed, as well as the likelihood of losing existing employees if closed. The Board unanimously agreed to keep the LDO open year-round.

Next, the Agent asked the Board to review and decide upon which of the safety repairs the Board would like to accomplish at the LDO. These repairs were recommended by the engineer, Wright-Pierce, because of the accident that injured a resident a year and a half ago and because a warrant article (Article 28) in the amount of \$50,000 was approved for repairs at last year's Town meeting. (Approximately \$11,000 was spent trenching and burying power to the gate.) The Board has been reviewing and discussing these repairs for some time, and felt they were ready to make choices. Once the choices are made, the engineer can design and estimate cost for the repairs, the DEP can review and approve their specs, which would then allow the work to be put out to bid. After review, the Board decided by unanimous vote to cap the area above the retaining wall and install safety rails. It also approved a pad to be poured underneath the recycling area, and a steel ramp to access the recycling area. The Board decided not to extend the retaining wall at this time. The Agent will ask the engineer for a new estimate of their bill, as well as new cost estimates for this scope of work (by item), and will bring these new figures to the Board when ready.

At this point, David Merry was called to begin plowing, and left the meeting. The Agent returned to the normal agenda.

WELLS APPROVED: Jaqueline Flynn Morgan 15-72.1

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DWAs TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT: James Ferry 16-80/71.1, Charles Crovo 30-2.56, Barbara Smith 7-170, Peter Clark 16-94, Peter Rockwood 32-21.

DWAs PLAN REVIEWS: Deborah Armer 31-52, Estate of Allen Warner 10-136, Lynn Merry 11-114

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS FILED: David Blackman 29-53

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Flu advisory #13 advises flu peaks in late Feb. and that vaccines are still valid, MRC has begun advertising for a manager, Island BOHs contracted for \$16,000 worth of next season's flu vaccine, the Agent took the ICS 200 course and passed, KI plan.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Haynes 29-40 will not habitate pre new septic, Fin-com budget approved, Hospital tabletop 3/24 cancelled, All-Island BOH meeting cancelled, Annex air filter was upgraded & awaits final BTU inspection, BOH's Town Report completed and to exec sec., Health Service contract still in negotiation w/meeting Monday.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN: ZBA 11-27, 7-173, NWWA, NAC, MDPH(4), MVRRD(2), Waste News(2), ZBA 11-26, NAC, Local Public Health Institute, e-Scrap, DEP, HAN, MHOA, Newspaper articles (MRC & Mold), AMCHP, NACCHO. NEHA .

Tim Barnett moved that the Board go into executive session and not to return to regular meeting. Roll call taken with Tim Barnett voting aye, and Erik Lowe voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hadden Blair

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOH, 2/22/2007

The Board went into executive session to discuss the litigation concerning the Humphries property. The Agent updated the Board. The case is still before the court, and the BOH is asking for \$ for court fees, lawyers fees, and fines. The BOH council has asked the agent to find out what dollar amount (range) the Board will authorize him to pursue. His bill is currently \$4,200. After discussion, Tim Barnett moved to authorize the Agent to ask the Attorney to seek a maximum of \$10,000. Motion was seconded by Erik and accepted, and both Tim and Erik voted affirmatively.