

Minutes of Board of Health meeting Nov. 5, 2018

Present: Gordon Luce, member; Valerie Bird, Health Agent; Donna Gibson, Chair;

Absent: Helen Symons, member, traveling;

Commenced at 2:00 PM

Old Business: Transfer Station: Discussed need to hire 2 or 3 more people as attendants; Replace Gordon who will be called away to plow snow this winter and a person needs to better supervise residents at the "open box". GL thinks we are losing money at that site when he is called away to put aside light bulbs, mattresses, sharps, etc and residents put large amounts and items that need to be charged in the open box. GL thinks that position would pay for itself. And we need to replace at least one part-time attendant (FN). We drew up an ad for the Country Journal. GL will go over it with Town Clerk and place in paper.

Trash & recycling hauls bill once again contains only one paper/cardboard haul for the whole month of October. Check received from hauling co. of \$400+ in metal recycling again.

Discussed need to do more repairs on at least one roll-off container. One company is in process of buying another which may make a number of used boxes available for purchase. GL is pursuing.

Atlantic Recycling Equipment company from whom we purchased the paper/cardboard compactor last year did the complete first maintenance on the compactor, @ \$967 but necessary.

Discussed talks with our Fire Chief of the future project of water & sewer board putting in lines on the north side of Mountain Street which would enable town to have sewage and water facilities at the transfer station. Having a toilet rather than the current port-a-potty (@ \$106 monthly) would pay for itself gradually.

Valerie has no pressing concerns at present but points out the Town of Lenox which has had several board meetings and hearings voted on licensing & inspecting AirBnB's. The town voted against it.

New Business: none;

Next meeting agenda: Date needs to be set. Will wait till HS returns Nov 18; include review and vote on minutes of last 2 meetings when Helen returns.

Adjourned at 3:00 PM

Submitted by Donna Gibson, Chair