

Board of Health Minutes, Town of Williamsburg, December 3, 2018

Members present: Donna Gibson, chair, Rusty Luce, Helen Symons

Guest, Valerie Bird, Health Agent

Meeting called to order at 2pm

Minutes of 10/17/2018 and 11/5/2018 approved with no corrections

Old Business:

Transfer Station:

Frank Netto will be resigning his position effective in January. Rusty has attempted to find his replacement and has not had any success. The position has been advertised in the Country Journal and by word of mouth. So far there have been no applicants. Rusty needs someone who can replace him on the days when it snows since he has to plow. Valerie Bird has volunteered to do this on an intermittent basis. The Board suggested that the position be advertised on the Town's website and on the TV station.

Roll off box:

The current open top box for bulky household trash/construction is rusted out to the point where it needs to be replaced. Rusty has contacted the manufacturer and it is more expensive to fix it than to replace it. He is in the process of getting bids for a new one. Bid received to date \$7800 The Board authorized Rusty to spend up to \$10,000 for its replacement and installation in order to expedite the process as the price of steel is expected to rise significantly after Jan 1, 2019. Grant money from DEP can be used to go towards its purchase.

The MRF contract will be up for renewal in 2020 and it is expected that the cost for recycled materials will be more costly to haul and there will be less in reimbursement. It may be time to start to consider implementing a pay per bag system to minimize costs and increase recycling efforts. The Board also discussed the problem with disposing of kitty litter and Rusty will discuss with Kathleen Casey how other towns handle this problem. It was also noted that black plastic items are no longer recyclable. Do we want to try to handle these items separately? Rusty will discuss with Kathleen.

The wood waste site will be inspected and the wells tested this coming week if there is no rain. Rusty has prepared the gate for entry of the vehicles.

Health Agent report:

Valerie reported that she is concerned that Karen Tripp has not made any further progress on clearing her property at 10 Dewey Circle. She plans to make an inspection next week after notifying Karen by mail and will notify the Board of the current situation. The Building Inspector has listed the property as not fit for habitation due to fire and safety issues.

Valerie is concerned that the property at 2 Lawton Hill which has been condemned by the Building Inspector continues to be a fire hazard. She is suggesting that if the owner Amanda Emerson cannot obtain the funds for the demolition of the property then the property should be put in receivership.

Valerie will be sending a letter to the owner of the property at 32 Goshen Road, Dan Boyle that the outside of the property needs to be cleaned up as there are many abandoned cars and rubbish on the property.

The Building Inspector and Valerie were in court last week re the property at 10 Ft Hill Road which the owner Andrew Fabian has continued to rent as a B and B in spite of a cease and desist order. The owner has filed an appeal and it has been taken under advisement by the court. They are waiting for the court's decision.

New Business:

The discussion of the budget for 2020 was tabled for the next meeting.

Spring Newsletter:

Donna suggested an article about the danger of tick borne illnesses including the problems of a new type of tick the Long-horned tick.

Bills present for payment were paid.

Next meeting:

January 14, 2019 2pm

Meeting adjourned 330pm

Respectfully submitted:

Helen Symons