

Board of Health Minutes Monday December 16, 2019 Town of Williamsburg

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

Guest Mark Bushee, Health Agent, Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order at 11am

Minutes of 10/22/2019 accepted with no corrections

The meeting scheduled for 12/2/19 was rescheduled to 12/16 because of weather.

Old Business:

Transfer Station Issues:

Board discussed the issue of the new MRF contract. The current contract with the towns will end on June 30th. The select board will have to sign the new contract by January 30th. Donna attended a meeting on Dec 12th with members of Towns which will be impacted by the new contract. Donna presented to the Board the information from that meeting regarding the increased costs which are being passed on to the towns. The costs have increased because of the changes in the recycling market. There has been discussion of asking the State to reimburse towns from the fees which are collected from the recycling of cans and bottles. A bill is being introduced in the legislature that addresses this. In the meantime, the cost is expected to rise to \$93/ton for tipping fees. Kathleen Casey is on the advisory board to the MRF and has been very helpful in understanding the issues involved. Because the select board has to sign the contract, the board felt it would be useful for Donna Gibson to present this information to them. She has arranged to meet with them at their meeting on January 16, 2020. The board appreciates Donna's efforts to keep them up to date on what is involved in this process.

Holiday Hours

Because Christmas and New Year's fall on a Weds this year the TS will be open their normal hours on Dec 26, 2019 and on Jan 2, 2020. Brenda Lessard will post this information of the Town's website.

Health Agent Report

Mark reported that the previous issue of a residence not having heat was resolved promptly.

Mark reported about a problem with septic work on a site (Briar Hill) which commenced by the installer before the final plan was approved. The Board will send a letter to the engineer involved in hopes that this matter can be avoided in the future. Donna was authorized to write the letter.

Maven:

Valerie Bird has started to monitor the Maven site. She will submit her invoices for the month of December to the board for reimbursement.

Bills were paid. Next meeting to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Symons

