



Town of Rochester
Board of Health
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MINUTES
August 18, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Present: William David Souza, Chairman
Glenn Lawrence, Vice Chairman
Sarah Tisdale Eby, Clerk

Also Present: Marylou Newell – The Wanderer
Aiden Pollard – Sippican Week

Karen Walega, Health Director
Lori Walsh, Board Administrator

MINUTES:

July 14, 2021

Glenn Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2021.
Sarah Eby seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

1. Denite System for 150 Snipatuit Road

Chairman Souza said that he wanted to speak to the Board about this type of system before they vote on it. He stated that he went to a class on the Denite systems and he said that they should have a by-law in effect that says if the system is within 100 ft. of the wetland, then they should put in a Denite system. Chairman Souza said that this is only his opinion. Health Director Karen Walega said that the reason she is suggesting the Denite system is because of the water body across the street. Mr. Lawrence suggested the Presby septic system going in there. Chairman Souza said that the Presby Systems are good also but he would like to table this until he has a chance to go out to this site again. He also said that the Denite systems are around \$7,500.00 and would like to try and help the Homeowner out if he can. The Board agreed to table 150 Snipatuit Road until the Chairman has a chance to go out to the site.

2. Department of Public Health – Advisory Regarding Face Coverings and Cloth Masks, 07/30/2021.

Health Director Walega told the Board that this is just an advisory right now. As of now, the numbers positive for COVID-19 are going up. Rochester is at 31.5%.

Chairman Souza said that he will not vote to make masks mandatory but he will vote to make them an advisory. Ms. Eby said that everyone inside in close proximity of each other should wear a mask. Nurse Dolan presented to the Board a chart of positive cases of COVID-19 in

Rochester. The date on the Chart is from August 12th and the amount of active cases is 18. Out of the 18 cases only 4 are vaccinated. The 4 cases that are vaccinated have minor to zero symptoms. Health Director Karen Walega said that the Town of Wareham's mandate is that facemasks are required to enter the building.

Chairman Souza said it would be mandated on Town properties and an advisory for public places such as; Restaurants, bars, performance venues, offices, fitness centers etc...

Glenn Lawrence said that he would like to let the people make their own choice. Sarah Eby said that people need to be protected from COVID-19 and we need to do what's right for the people.

Mr. Lawrence said he doesn't agree with taking people's rights away.

Chairman Souza said that he agrees with Glenn Lawrence and Sarah Eby and that this would only be a temporary thing. He said that we can adjust it again in a month.

Glenn Lawrence was opposed to voting on this matter

Chairman Souza made a motion to approve the wording for face coverings to be worn over nose and mouth and is required in all Town & Municipal buildings, and is strongly advised in all other indoor settings unable to maintain a six foot distance. This is due to the higher number of cases of COVID-19 in our area until it returns to an acceptable level over a two week period.

Sarah Eby seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. Mobile Vaccination Clinic:

Sarah Eby said she has a meeting regarding the Mobile Vaccination Clinics on Friday, August 20th and will fill the Board in on it.

4. J.C. Engineering Variance Request for 3 County Road, Rochester, Local Upgrade Approval.

- a. 6.2 Waiver for the setback from southwest property line to S.A. S.
- b. 4.0 Waiver (10.0' – 6.0') for the setback from northwest property line to the S.A.S.

Chairman Souza made a motion to approve the two waiver requests for 3 County Road, Rochester.

Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Discussion – FY 2022 Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring Engineering Services Proposal, Tighe & Bond.

Chairman Souza made a motion to approve the Engineering Contract for the Landfill.

Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

6. Recycling Procurement Policy for the Town of Rochester.

The Board reviewed the Policy and had no comment at this time.

7. SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility Quarterly third-party Inspection Report.

The Board read the report and voted to place it on file.

8. Jeffrey Riley, Commissioner, DESE – DESE/DPH Covid-19 Guidance for Districts and Schools: Fall 2021. Recycling Procurement.

The Board reviewed the document and had no comment at this time.

9. Rochester Landfill, Spring 2021 Post Closure Landfill Gas Monitoring

The Board reviewed this Document and had no comment at this time.

SUB-DIVISION PLANS FOR REVIEW

1. Merry Bog Preliminary Sub-Division Plan
2. Definitive Sub-Division plan Form C – Longbow Lane

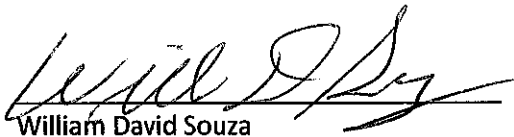
The Board of Health reviewed the following Sub-Division plans: (Not for approval at this time)
They had no questions at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 P.M.

Sarah Eby seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Date: September 15, 2021


William David Souza