

Town of Abington
Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Buckley Room
7:00pm

Members present: Bob Manning, Chairman, Theresa Maze, Vice Chair, Margie Devlin, Linda Dickey, Sharon White, Health Agent

Bob calls the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Health Agent's Report (see attached)

Sharon discusses with the Board the grants that she has applied for.

Sharon goes over the Budget for FY14.

Discussion regarding the Waste Solutions shortfall

Terry specifies that the Board is not the Chief Procurement Officer and states that the Selectmen should be telling the BOH what they will be doing about this shortfall.

Trash Issues

Bob explains that he has seen issues around town with regard to extra trash barrels being out, items being left beside the town trash carts, no validation of tonnage from the dumpsters.... He feels that the trash has not gone down as much as they thought it was going to go down. It has decreased but not in the total tonnage that he would have hopefully seen for cost savings for the town. He also has not seen the recycling go up that much and it is very discouraging because of the limitations.

Bob would like to get the word out to the residents that the lids need to be closed, not overloading barrels etc. The Board members suggest bringing in recycling material during a meeting and showing on tape what is recyclable.

Groveland St Site Issues

Clean up Abington Day – April 20, 2013 Drop off anything with a plug at the Police Station 9-3pm, Tire Drop Off at Sullivan Tire in Abington

Drop off Old Medication – April 27, 2013 at the Police Station

Sharon reminds Bob to put in writing to the Town Manager to go out for bid to remove and replace the trailer at the Compost Site and to get a container for metals.

Sharon updates the Board regarding the Rabies Clinic.

Tobacco Regulations

Margie motions that she would like to wait until after the Elections because there will be a change on the Board.

Linda seconds motion

Unanimous

Bob relays that he is eager to get the Tobacco Regs done. Theresa states that most of the municipalities have not put in the new regs as of yet.

Sharon would like to relook at the Regulations for Trash. Possibly putting in place a fine after so many warnings.

Minutes

Theresa motions to accept the minutes of March 16, 2013

Linda seconds

Unanimous

Bob encourages all citizen of Abington to come out and vote at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013, that is for unpaid bills. He does not feel there is a need for a BOH meeting beforehand.

Terry motions to adjourn

Margie seconds

Unanimous

Bob Manning, Chairman

Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk