

Board of Health Meeting
Nov 11, 2009

Present: Don Lawton, Donna Gibson. Ira Gabrielson absent.
Commenced 7:00 pm

Transfer Station:

1. Discussed hours of operation over the holiday season. Decided to keep station open on Wed., Nov 25; Sat., Dec. 26 and Sat., Jan. 2. Tapper has no plans to do otherwise.
2. Discussed disgruntled resident (N.B.) who complained to Don last weekend about senior citizens getting no discount on sticker price. He explained how Williamsburg is less expensive than surrounding communities for trash disposal because we have no per-bag fees. Yet.
3. Don discussed changing the oil & over-hauling the compactor motor with Randy Wade who is willing to do it. This would be a savings as he does not charge portal-to-portal as the quote of \$89/hr from the firm in Westfield does. Don will get a price on adding a heater. Previous compactor motor had a heater but that item wasn't on the specs when we bought this one about 5 years ago. We've been lucky so far without one.
4. The new roll-off box is in place & being used. Tapper is pursuing town labels for it through Bill Turner at the Highway Dept. We want to make sure it doesn't get cycled to other towns when emptied by our hauler.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of October 28th were approved with corrections: adding to the listing of Transfer Station hours changing from 9 AM to 4 PM changing to 11 AM to 6 PM *beginning May 15 & running through the summer till Sept. 15.*

Emergency Dispensing Site

Donna gave an update on planning team's progress; the tentative date of a public H1N1 flu immunization clinic (not to be advertised until there is more confidence of adequate doses being available from the CDC); current efforts to immunize the high-risk children in the schools in town & the frustration over lack of delivery all this past week of further vaccine supplies anywhere in Franklin & Hampshire counties. Another school clinic is planned for Friday, Nov 13 to complete the high-risk students at the Charter School with the 50 doses she was able to get from MAPHCO last Monday (when we all expected more to be delivered later in the week). We have another 15 kids in this category left to do at the Dunphy & James Schools.

Foothills Health District

Discussed some of the ideas currently being floated on how to restructure with Ashfield dropping out of the FHD as of July 1, 2010.

Next Meeting

As the 4th Wed of this month is the day before the Thanksgiving holiday, those present voted to meet next on Tuesday, November 24 at 5 PM in our usual place. There is a meeting of the EDS planning team in that building at 5:30 PM that same day. The following meeting of the BOH will be Wednesday, Dec 9, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted ,
Donna Gibson, Chair