



Town of Boxford
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

January 04, 2023

Present: Richard Taylor, Alex Constan, Richard Fahrner, Heather Forand, Rhonda Hodge, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by D. Taylor

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the November 30, 2022 meeting. Motion by R. Fahrner to accept minutes, seconded by A. Constan. Approved unanimously.

Follow up to minutes

D. Taylor contacted National Grid to suggest a meeting in the near future about untreated poles and is waiting for a response. It would have to be a daytime meeting.

Bills: Bills were signed

D. Taylor mentioned to the Board that Karen Sheridan, the Recycling Committee Chair had requested that her bills be approved by Kendell in order for Republic to receive payment on time to avoid the account being closed. The Board passed the request.

Meeting with Waste Management regarding trash/recycling contract extension

Roy Boyer from Waste Management was present and discussed with the Board it's service related concerns and also answered questions related to a potential contract extension. The Board discussed the proposed automated system with town purchased barrels, barrel sizes, and options for an extra barrel per household. The Board asked about Waste Management's improvement plan for missed pick ups that would include a direct contact to Waste Management for residents. The Board also discussed the proposed cut in the number of trash holidays from eleven to six and whether to use trash stickers or colored bags when exceeding the trash limit.

After the discussion the Board carried out the following motions:

Motion 1. A motion was made by A. Constan to approve an extension of the current contract with Waste Management for fiscal Years 2024 through 2028, subject to further decisions and actions by the Board. Seconded by R. Fahrner and approved unanimously by the Board.

Motion 2. A motion was made by R. Fahrner to approve the use of the Automated Collection method proposed by Waste Management for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028. Seconded by A. Constan and approved unanimously by the Board.

Motion 3. A motion was made by A. Constan to table the vote on the barrel sizes for a future meeting. Seconded by R. Fahrner and approved unanimously by the Board.

Motion 4. A motion was made by A. Constan that the extension of the current Fiscal Years 2019-2023 contract with Waste Management include all the specifications made part of the original contract with the exception that paragraph 1.1.9 Holidays, shall be changed to include only the official Federal holidays for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Seconded by R. Fahrner and approved unanimously by the Board.

Motion 5. A motion was made by A. Constan that the Chair of the Board of Health and a designated second member of the Board be appointed to work with the Town Purchasing Agent and Waste Management to finalize the contract extension. Seconded by R. Fahrner and approved unanimously by the Board.

Non-Contractual Decisions

The Board tabled for the next meeting decisions for an annual town collection fee for the use of the barrels and the use of stickers or bags as well as the cost of each.

COVID Update

The Board discussed the current COVID data.

Adjourn 7:30pm

The next meeting date to be determined and with no further business there was a motion made by R. Fahrner, seconded by A. Constan the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatak
Minutes Secretary