

Jan. 4, 2024

BoH Minutes

Place: Senior Center, Social Hall 6:30pm Thursday

Present: S. Mosler, M. Mastrangelo, E. Dragon, P. Lore, B. Lipman, J. Nevinsmith, M. Fleming

Minutes:

1. Welcome and call to order: 6:28pm
2. Review of previous minutes: accepted unanimously.
3. Report from HI
 - a. Outside inspectors, free of cost as part of the public health excellence consortium of which Hadley is a member, should be available within next few weeks for assistance. Ben will coordinate.
4. Report from Town RN
 - a. Marcy will lead info session on mental health and next month on women and heart disease at the Senior Center with first session scheduled for 1/10/24
5. Budget proposal review
 - a. Dragon to f/u with Ben re: Increasing Committee Health/Program line item
 - b. Budget narrative: Given that the BoH was without a town RN for a period of time the money budgeted for FY23 has not been used in its entirety. It will be applied to providing more educational and wellness forums/sessions until the end of FY24. BoH will need to vote on extending town RN hours to 10/wk for FY25 at its next meeting and submit this proposal in its budget.
 - c. Animal inspector: increase stipend from \$1k to \$2k; Dragon presented document supporting increase hours; if the BoH had to find someone to fill the role other than Dragon, then a \$2k line amt is insufficient; Range of 156-228 hrs/year @ \$15/hr (minimum wage) would be at least \$3k for 200hrs/year; currently inspector is in freq communication w/animal control officer plus has over 70 farms to inspect. This has not been part of our shared expenses with other towns; option is to ask for \$4k (@\$20/hr) vs \$3k and do incremental approach; this should also be reflected in the budget narrative. Motion made to increase to \$3k accepted by Mosler, Mastrangelo; Dragon abstaining
6. Report from admin assistant – Peter

- a. Permitting: approx 2/3 of food establishments have submitted fees on line
 - b. Another Covid test report came in on the waste water which will shared with BoH; students have not yet come back so anticipating a spike
7. Any other business that could not be reasonably anticipated: None

Next meeting Feb 8th, 6:30pm at Senior Center. Will also be on zoom