

**Hopedale  
Board of Health  
Meeting  
June 9, 2016**

Member Lou Arcudi called the Board of Health meeting to order on June 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Members that were present: Lou Arcudi  
Walter Swift  
Lenny Izzo – Health Agent

Guest in attendance: Mike Szczepan– Republic Waste  
Dan Higgins – Republic Waste

Minutes of April 21, 2016 – Upon a motion by Walter Swift, seconded by Lou Arcudi, the Board approved the minutes of April 21, 2016.

In the absence of Chairman Ed Holland, Walter Swift made a motion to appoint Lou Arcudi chairman for tonight's meeting, seconded by Mr. Arcudi and motion passed.

Health Agent Lenny Izzo Reports –

He informed the board that all letters were sent to food establishments in Hopedale that need to renew their licenses by July 1, 2016. He also was informed by the Hopedale Police that a resident had a hot water heater issue and upon review the home was deemed unfit for human habitation. The resident was removed and housing was found in the Senior Housing Authority.

Mr. Izzo secured the renewal of a grant from Public Health Region 2 for high speed Internet for FY 17. This is the thirteenth year that this cost will be covered by a grant. Additional a printer for the office was purchased from this same grant.

All burial permits are up to date, as his job requires these to be reviewed on a regular basis.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is set for November 5, 2016 with New England Disposal Technologies, Inc. It will be from 9 am to 1 pm. NEDT will manage the collection including packaging, transporting and disposing of the authorized HHP collected at the event. The fee charged is \$4,500. The residents will continue to pay only \$20 per carload as in the past.

Recycling Center is running well. Mr. Chase Falosa schedules the volunteers and the center is well staffed.

Update on the Hopedale Landfill Project on South Main Street – The town was able to negotiate payment on back taxes owed from Eugene Bernat – Cover Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$135,000 and a payment schedule was arranged for future monthly payments allowing the project to start. The town will now be allowed to initiate local permitting and acceptance of material.

Mike Szczepan from Republic Waste Services was in attendance to deliver \$1000 donation to the Hopedale High School Scholarships that were awarded at graduation to 2 seniors in the amount of \$500 each. The board is very grateful to Republic Waste for their continued contribution to our local students as they further their education in environmental studies or engineering.

Mr. Szczepan also delivered the metal rebate check from metal collected at our Recycling Center in the amount of \$1222.86. This money helps support the Recycling Center as our center runs completely from fees collected and the sale of metal members of the community bring in.

Mike also introduced Mr. Dan Higgins who will return as our representative and contact person.

A discussion was held in regards to the renewal of the contract between Hopedale and Republic Waste Services for the solid waste and recycling contract. The contract contains language extending the contract effective July 1, 2016 for an additional two year term since we did not notify them intent to non-renew as needed by March 1, 2016.

The current FY 2016 contract price is \$275,263.75. Based on a minimum CPI increase of 2.5% and maximum of 3.5% the adjustment will be 2.5% effective July 1, 2016, an FY 2017 rate of \$282,145.34 as the Board of Health has budgeted for.

#### Board of Health Member's Items

Mr. Swift attended a Park's Commission meeting and there was a discussion regarding testing the Hopedale Pond and verifying the findings found from an outside source done by the Parks Department. Currently the BOH budgets \$150 a year to test the water for E-coli only. After a lengthy discussion regarding the possible source of a contaminant and the future plan if one is found, Walter Swift made a motion for the Board of Health to pay for and test the water to provide a base line on the condition and to run the test an additional time for comparison. Motion seconded by Lou Arcudi and motion passes.

A resident complained to Mr. Swift about the Recycling Center sign near the Police Station that was a visual obstruction. The sign was placed there temporarily and was already removed.

The Visiting Nurses Association Contract was received but did not include the agreed amount of \$3,000. Since their request to increase was submitted after the budget was approved, they were advised to submit any requested increase prior to March of the fiscal year. Mr. Izzo will contact them to re-submit the contract at last year's rate.

Since Mr. Holland was not in attendance, the need for the Executive Session, to discuss the Health Agent's contract was postponed.

Walter Swift made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by Lou Arcudi with a unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi  
Board of Health Secretary