

Ware Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022 Hybrid Meeting / Selectmen's Meeting Room

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Present: John Desmond, Katrina Velle

Absent: Jennifer McMartin

In Attendance: Andrea Crete, Judy Metcalf, Betty Barlow, Stuart Beckley via zoom and Bethany Ames-via zoom 6:10-7:10

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced the meeting is being audio recorded

APPOINTMENT

John announced the scheduled 6:00 appointment for a local upgrade at 12 Beach Road has been cancelled due to the owner, engineer and Health Inspector are working on updating the septic plans so they do not require a local upgrade, so no action taken.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1: Resource Waste: John turned meeting over to Judy Metcalf for update at this time. Judy states before she left and Andrea started we received notice that ReSource Waste had filed their Notice of Project Change with Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) and she has read through most of it. She paid a lot of attention to the traffic and is very interested in the noise. We have been notified and invited to the Remote MEPA Consultation Session on Thursday May 26, 2022 at 6:00PM. Per the email received (attached) from Purvi Patel of MEPA May 16th this remote consultation session will be held to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. Opinions as to the extent and significance of possible environmental impact will be welcome. John expressed concerns of this type of meeting breaking the open meeting law with Judy confirming they do not break the law because the board would not be taking any action and nothing needs to be posted. Judy states this is the last Board of Health meeting before public comments are due so if the Ware Board of Health wants to comment on the MEPA filing this needs to be discussed now. John states he wants to have this discussion. John has concerns regarding route incoming trucks will take and how it would be enforced. Andrea questioned permits needed from Board of Health with Judy replying they need the site assignment and at this time they have a permit for 750 tons per day and 350 tons on Saturday. This property has been through a few owners, currently it is owned by ReSource Waste Services of Ware which is a subsidiary of a much larger nationwide company. They own three (3) other facilities similar to this, 2 in New Hampshire and 1 in Roxbury. Their plans are that those 3 businesses will process the demolition and what cannot be recycled (the residuals)

will be trucked to Ware being the only location with immediate rail access to send out of state to a landfill. They also say that 70% of the added tonnage will come from one of their facilities and the other 30% will be local people coming in. Andrea asked if Board of Health is only approving the site or if they would also be inspecting with Judy responding that the board in the past has approved the site with conditions the first time, the second time the board denied it because they were doing municipal waste/trash then went to court and Board won, the third time was also a trash proposal was also denied then went to court and board won again. This time they are staying with C&D and residuals. John also expresses concerns regarding the number of incoming trucks each day. John's comments would be questioning the enforceability of the dedicated routes and why the proposed weight of incoming trucks has changed from 25-30 tons to 15 tons which also increases the number of incoming trucks each day. John would like to point out in comments that there are real concerns regarding the enforceability of dedicated routes and concerns of how they will be able to continue the proposed route 9 travel route when during the time West Brookfield is planning on updating the center of their town similar to what Ware recently did. Katrina stated she had not yet read all of the proposal yet but supports John's concerns. The board agreed to have Judy and Andrea write up their comments to show their concerns about what incoming trucks using the proposed route of exit 9 Sturbridge to Route 9 West as opposed to using exit 8 Palmer and using Route 32 North and the reality of no guarantee that either of these routes will be the primary route therefore both should be analyzed along with the noise from the higher number of incoming trucks and the change of operational hours starting at 6am. Judy explained to Andrea that this is there 1st step, they can't do anything until they receive a certificate from the secretary of environmental affairs on this notice of project change then they can file with DEP which has 60 days to issue a report to Ware Board of Health on whether they find the site suitable or not suitable, Board of Health is not bound by that decision. The Board then goes into detail on each of the criteria listed in the code to make their decision.

2: COVID update: Bethany Ames, our COVID Contact Tracer is present via zoom. She has provided the board with the attached list of reported covid numbers as of today. Ware has had 13 cases in last 5 days and 133 cases in past 30 days (4/18/22-5/18/22). This list also provided as a comparison to last showing that from 4/18/21-6/18/21 Ware only had 38 cases. Bethany also broke it down into active isolation cases by age groups within last 5 days under 18 having 2 cases, over 18 having 11 cases and within past 30 days under 18 having 24 cases and over 18 having 109 cases. She also told board when she is finding that when 1 person in a home has tested positive with a PCR test others in home are using at home testing and not reporting it which would make the numbers significantly higher. Katrina questioned if there was anything we could do to get more accurate numbers. Andrea responded telling her how she wants to use the Code Red system to send out message to alert residents of the rising numbers. With graduations, warmer weather and people doing more social gatherings that it is wise to use precaution, if not feeling well stay home & get tested, just to let residents know it's not going away. John asked if this could also be in the Ware River News which Andrea replied yes. Stuart told board of conversation he and Andrea previously had regarding the Town Moderator having concerns for Town Meeting on Monday so looking for a little guidance on how to be safe. Andrea had suggested to make masks available to everyone as coming in and if someone does not have a mask to have someone actively handing them out, have hand sanitizer available and encourage distancing. Stuart already has plenty of masks and sanitizer to provide. Andrea asked Bethany what she is seeing for common symptoms and she replied the most common seems to be sore throat, cough, fever and congestion, not much different than common flu. Often people are thinking it has to do with allergies so waiting longer to get tested potentially exposing dozens of people at that point. The 4th booster shots are recommended for anyone over 50 or with any underlying conditions. Andrea also informed board of her discussion with Justine of HR to see if she is getting a lot of call from town employees in regards to having symptoms, quarantine and whether or not they can come to work, which she has so Andrea is going to put together a flow chart with the most recent guidance from DPH on when to return to

work, time frame, whether you are fully vaccinated or not, information on quarantining versus isolation to try to make it easier to navigate. She will give it to both Justine and Stuart so they can provide to all town employees for quick reference.

3: Meeting Minutes Katrina motioned to approve meeting minutes of April 20, 2022, John seconded, all in favor.

Andrea gave board an update on Public Health Nurse position. Judy had placed an ad on Indeed and received 4 applicants, Andrea reviewed the resumes but not much with public health nursing experience so we re-advertised with a deadline of June 6th on MA Municipal Association and MA Health Officers Association which is where typically people looking for municipal jobs look, so hoping to get more resumes for this position.

John motioned to adjourned at 7:15 PM, Katrina seconded all in favor. Next meeting to be June 15, 2022 at 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Barlow

Meeting minutes approved 6/15/2022

Barlow, Betty

From: Patel, Purvi (ENV) <purvi.patel@state.ma.us>
To: jmetcalf@belchertown.org; Barlow, Betty
Subject: FW: NOTICE OF MEPA CONSULTATION SESSION EEA#12699 - ReSource Waste Services of Ware

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Subject: NOTICE OF MEPA CONSULTATION SESSION EEA#12699 - ReSource Waste Services of Ware

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEPA CONSULTATION SESSION

TO: Distribution

FROM: Purvi Patel – MEPA Office

SUBJECT: ReSource Waste Services of Ware

EEA NO.: 12699

A Notice of Project Change (NPC) has been submitted to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA, 301 CMR 11.00) Office for this project. The project required an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Final EIR was submitted in 2002.

The first several pages can be viewed from the [Environmental Monitor](#)

The ENF indicates that the project meets or exceeds the following review thresholds:

11.03(9)(b)(i): Expansion in capacity of 50 or more tons per day (tpd) of solid waste

The ENF indicates that the project requires the following State Agency Permits or Financial Assistance:

**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) – Site Assignment Modification and Solid Waste Permits; potential Superseding Order of Conditions
Conservation Commission – Order of Conditions**

A remote consultation session will be held to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. Opinions as to the extent and significance of possible environmental impact will be welcome.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, May 26th, 2022

TIME: 6:00PM

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PROJECT CONTACT: Dorothy Buckoski, PE, Epsilon Associates, Inc. – 978.897.7100 - dbuckoski@epsilonassociates.com

Comments on the project will be welcome in writing prior to May 31, 2022. A Certificate on the NPC will be issued on June 10, 2022.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act, this Meeting Notice is available in alternative formats upon request. Questions on the meeting may be answered by contacting Purvi Patel.

Ms. Purvi P. Patel, EIT
Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Please be informed that the MEPA Office has finalized amendments to 301 CMR 11.00 for promulgation on December 24, 2021. Two protocols relative to environmental justice have been issued with effective dates of January 1, 2022. An amended Environmental Notification Form (ENF) is in effect as of January 1, 2022.

Please consult the [MEPA website](#) for more details.

Covid Numbers as of 5/18/22

Total Cases in active isolation (last 5 days):

Pelham: 1

Ware: 13

Belchertown: 32

District Total in active isolation: 46

Total Cases within the last 30 days (4/18/22-5/18/22):

Pelham: 11

Ware: 133

Belchertown: 239

District Total in past 30 days: 383

Cases by Age:

Under 18 in active isolation:

Pelham: 0

Ware: 2

Belchertown: 6

Over 18 in active isolation:

Pelham: 1

Ware: 11

Belchertown: 26

Under 18 Past 30 Days:

Pelham: 2

Ware: 24

Belchertown 45

Over 18 Past 30 Days

Pelham: 9

Ware: 109

Belchertown: 194

Comparison to this time last year

Total cases (5/14/21-5/18/21)

Pelham: 0

Ware: 3

Belchertown: 1

Total in District: 4

Total cases 30 day span (4/18/21-5/18/21):

Pelham: 0

Ware: 38

Belchertown: 49

Total in District: 87

...DAMAGE ON MY OWN, HE SAID IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT.

"I couldn't hide what happened. I've owned up and accepted it," he said.

Prior to the accident, Hawk spent the first 17 years of his life growing up on Main Street in North Brookfield with his mother and sister. An avid outdoorsman, Hawk enjoyed hiking, fishing, camping, and hunting.

"I loved fishing down by the covered bridge...exploring the woods and train tracks," he said.

Hawk and his friends used to hike up the Bugle, a peak on the Dougal Range overlooking the covered bridge. "It was heaven up there on the Bugle," he said, with clear views of the neighboring towns and distant Worcester.

He recalled big parades coming down Main Street and attending school in the now vacant George H. Gilbert building across the street

...TOOK IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR. HE SAID when he decided to drop out, his mother told him to get some newspapers and start looking for a job.

Hawk soon found a posting for New England Garden Ornament in North Brookfield. Owner Nancy Grimes of Hardwick took a chance on 17-year-old Hawk, saying she would give him the job if he could prove himself to be a reliable worker.

"It was amazing to work with these garden ornaments...they came from all over Europe," he said.

Hawk soon after took a job in Palmer at American Dry Ice Corp, where he stayed for nine months leading up to the day of his accident.

The stress of working overnights had taken their toll on Hawk, who decided to quit on May 8, 2002. "I was very angry when I quit. The next day I was going to pick up my life and get a new job," he said.

...OUTDOORS, TRAVELLING THE WARE SEGMENT OF THE MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL ALMOST EVERY DAY WITH HIS DOG BELLA. HE HAS BEEN NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE WARE TRAIL AND HAS HELPED TO BRING AWARENESS TO THIS VITAL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SHOPPING AREAS.

He has advocated for prominent signage to make trail entrances more visible, and he posts regular updates about the trail on Facebook.

Hawk has also been appointed to the Disability Awareness Committee, alongside Tom Barnes. The two are working to identify areas in town that need safety improvements for handicapped people, including the underpass where Hawk had his accident.

"I never thought I would be able to give back this way," he said. "I don't think of having a disability. Other people face difficulties in life, but it doesn't have to stop you."

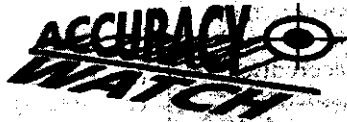


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NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER CLASSIFICATION

**FORMER WARE MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT
MONROE STREET
WARE, MASSACHUSETTS**

RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER (RTN) 1-17892

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, (310 CMR 40.0480) an Initial Site Investigation and Tier Classification has been performed at the above-referenced location.

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, (310 CMR 40.0000).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by the disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact: Mr. George D. Naslas, PG, LSP, of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., 55 Walkers Brook Drive Suite 100, Reading Massachusetts 01867 (1-978-532-1900).