

## Ware Board of Health Meeting

March 16, 2022 Hybrid Meeting / Selectmen's Meeting Room

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Meeting ID: 849 5575 6347  
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Present: John Desmond, Katrina Velle, Jennifer McMartin(arrived at 6:30)

In Attendance: Stephen Bell, Betty Barlow, Judy Metcalf

John called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and announced the meeting is being audio recorded

### **APPOINTMENT**

NONE

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**1: Animal Inspector** Katrina motioned to nominate Thomas Kularski Animal Inspector and William Mansfield Assistant Animal Inspector effective May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, John seconded, All in Favor (*This motion was made prior to Jennifer arrival*)

**2: Harm Reduction update** The joint meeting of the Board of Health and Selectmen on March 1<sup>st</sup> was discussed. The Tapestry will not only provide a needle exchange program, it includes a complete harm reduction program for the health and wellbeing of this community. Stephen explained the next steps if the Board wants to move forward with this. Katrina motioned to adopt the regulation MGL Chapter 111 Section 215 to allow the MA DPH to implement this needle exchange program in Ware, John seconded, All in favor. (*This motion was made prior to Jennifer arrival*) Stephen will provide letter to state

**3: ReSource Waste** (*Jennifer arrived 6:30*) Judy Metcalf is present to inform the Board of process for the upcoming application for modification of site assignment at ReSource Waste Services of Ware located at 198 East Street Ware. This modification is to expand the allowed incoming tonnage from 750 tons a day to 1400 and increase hours of operation within 2 years. She has already handled this process 3 times during her tenure as Director of Public Health. It is her understanding that ReSource Ware has filed a preliminary notification in environmental justice and because they are proposing to divert traffic from Sturbridge to Route 9 into Ware they will not be hitting any of Ware's environmental justice areas however some areas coming to Ware on route 9 are environmental justice areas. They do need to file a MEPA but not sure if it will trigger a full MEPA which was originally filed in 2004, subsequent files have been just a notice of project change. DEP has the first step of reviewing/researching and they respond in 1 of 3 ways, either need more information, does not meet requirements or give their assessment of site being suitable, but Ware Board of Health makes the final decision. Once DEP issues the site suitability report is when the clock starts ticking for the Board of Health. Within a specific timeframe the BoH needs to hold a public hearing and make a decision. The BoH does receive a large fee from the applicant to be split into 2 separate accounts; technical review and public hearing. The hearing is a quasi-judicial hearing in which the Board will have to hire a lawyer to act as Hearing Office that will run the hearing, there are rules about who can and cannot speak. There are specific criteria that needs to be met which Judy discussed with board. After the hearing during deliberations the board will review and vote on each criteria. If Board approves then ReSource will need a permit to operate issued by DEP.

**4: COVID update:** Stephen informed the board of Covid numbers dropping again with last week having 9 cases, the week prior had 15 cases and week prior to that was 20 cases.

**5: Meeting Minutes** Katrina motioned to approve meeting minutes of February 16, 2022, John seconded, all in favor.

Jennifer motioned to adjourned at 7:25 PM, John seconded all in favor. Next meeting to be April 20, 2022 at 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Barlow

Meeting minutes approved 4/20/2022