

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes Summary – February 3, 2025

Attendance: Members in attendance: Chair Helaine R. Hazlett, Thomas Massaro, MD., Tom McMahon, & Health Director Andrew Petty.

1. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

2. Town Meeting Report

- Discussion on revisions to the town meeting report.
- Agreed to forward the latest version for review.

3. Director's Report

- Transfer station update
 - Ongoing concerns regarding the compactor crisis.
 - Discussion on structural updates, including bids for replacing the tipping floor.
 - Contractor selection and cost changes due to prevailing wage requirements.

MOTION: to authorize the Director of Public Health to negotiate the best possible price for repairs. Second. All in favor, Passed.

- Public Health Update
 - Noted increase in pertussis cases, with discussion on vaccine efficacy and hesitancy.
 - COVID-19 cases have significantly declined but remain as an endemic disease.
 - RSV and pneumonia cases are rising. RSV is not included in the Maven reporting system.
 - Suggestion to track RSV data separately with an asterisk indicating a different source.

4. Additional Business

- Discussion on the Board of Health's mission statement; a minor word change was approved.
- Review of past meeting minutes; concerns were raised about excessive detail, and revisions will be made to make them more concise.
- Discussion on the new transaction huts at the transfer station, which were acquired at a significantly reduced cost.

5. Next Steps

- Action items: Finalize town meeting report, refine meeting minutes, monitor disease trends, and proceed with transfer station repairs.

6. Adjournment

- Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025.

MOTION to adjourn. Second. All in favor. 8:05 p.m.