**Board of Heath Minutes**

**February 10, 2023**

Ms. Amodei and Ms. Moeller met with Jason Silva; Town Administrator to discuss their proposed F.Y. 24 budget, in particular a $5,000.00 request to purchase trash & recycling bins. Although the Board told Mr. Silva that their last resort was to raise fees, they did indeed raise them to $350.00 per year per subscriber at their last meeting. They felt that the service they were providing to residents was very important to those on fixed incomes or struggling to meet obligations as well as those that just want to operate economically.

After working with the new increase approved by the Board, it was determined that the increase would cover the increased charges from the trash hauler determined by a 3 year contract. The Board of Health Members withdrew the $5,000 request.

**PFAS ( Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)**

PFAS is a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer product since the 1940s because of their useful properties. It can be found in many items and places we use and frequent. For this discussion, it is being found it drinking water wells in Dunstable. Seven to 8 houses have found it in their drinking water. The Groton Dunstable High School has it in their drinking water as well. DEP is aware of it and assisting local Towns on how to treat this short and long term. DEP is assisting the school and homeowners by installing filters and providing bottled water to them. The Towns of Dunstable, Groton and Pepperell are working together to find out the best way to get a municipal water line to this area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.