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BOARD OF HEALTH

January 26, 2021

Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair
Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director

- Chair, Kathleen Walker, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Jon Sanborn, made a motion to accept minutes from January 12, 2021. Kathleen seconded and all-in favor.
- First on the agenda was Berry Corner Road. Adding deed restrictions to the homes that chose not to tie into the municipal water line had been previously discussed. Kathleen spoke to Gary Magnuson from CMG Environmental. He suggested that we keep a record in the Board of Health of sales on these houses, but not do something as harsh as require a deed restriction. This could be difficult to track. Maybe the accessor can put a notation on the property card for these homes. There should be something to give a level of awareness to the new buyer that the water could be contaminated with 1,4 dioxane. James Philbrook, Health Director brought up the point that other areas of town like the people that tied in because of the Mass Pike 6W spills were not advised to do anything like this. How do we make it uniform for the entire town? Jon suggested that we make a note Charlton has had well contamination throughout various area of the town. Municipal water has been provided to some of these areas. Other areas may or may not have well contamination even in areas where municipal water was supplied. Call the Board of Health to find out if there is potential contamination in this area. Jim will speak to the accessor.
- Cemetery and Gould Road updates was next on the agenda. This was tabled until next meeting when Matt Gagner, Member could be in attendance.
- Jon gave an update about well testing being done for every house sale. Again, Jon spoke with Gary Magnuson from CMG Environmental and this is what he found out: The applicable drinking water test for petrochemicals (since you want to focus on gasoline) is Volatile Organic Compounds by EPA method 524.2 (by the way this does include MTBE and about 80 to 90 other chemicals). The laboratory fee alone for VOCs by 524.2 is about \$100 to \$150 depending on the laboratory used.

- As far as the wells in the Cemetery Gould area such as Stoneybrook Road, Kathleen believes it would be good for all of the Board to sit down and look at a map to determine what residents should be made aware of the PIP.
- Covid-19 Updates was next agenda. The cases have slowed down slightly. We are at close to 700 total cases. Charlton Elementary had a cluster case and the decision to have the school be remote for a few days was made. The teachers were offered Covid-19 testing as well. The School was open today to the normal Hybrid learning model.
- Harrington has set up a vaccine clinic. Kathleen and her husband volunteered at the Southbridge Senior center clinic today. They are doing about 200 vaccines a day and their goal is to get up to 500 a day. Andrew sent out a message to residents of Charlton looking for qualified people to administer vaccines. Within just a few hours 53 qualified people responded. What an amazing response from the residents of Charlton. Jim is working with the Senior Center to make sure all seniors are able to sign up for the vaccine. Kathleen asked about the contact tracing procedures and Jim explained how this works in different situations. Jim is hopeful that the clinic in Southbridge will be able to accommodate the residents of Charlton, but we will look into opening one in Charlton if need be. Many of our volunteers are working at the clinic in Southbridge.
- Next meeting will be February 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made motion to adjourn, Kathleen second, all in favor 6:43 p.m.