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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

March 23, 2021

### Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair  
Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair  
Matt Gagner, Member

### Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director  
Gary Magnuson, CMG  
Barbara Zurawski, Running for Selectman  
Peter Lancette, Running for Board of Health

- Chair, Kathleen Walker, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Jon Sanborn, made a motion to accept minutes from March 9, 2021. Member Matt Gagner seconded and all-in favor.
- Berry Corner Road was first on the Agenda. Gary Magnuson of CMG Environmental put together a letter for the Board to review (see attached) Re: Notice of Availability of Public Water. The Board would like to review the letter and table this until the next meeting.
- Recommendation to add VOCs to the testing parameters was next. Gary added the proper language to the current Well Regulations Water quality parameters section for new construction. Health Director James Philbrook stated that the Attorney General would need to approve the changes to the well regulations. The Board would have to vote on making the changes and then Jim would propose the changes to the Attorney General. It is around \$100.00 at most labs to add the VOCs. Jon made a motion to adopt the additional well testing regulation as proposed by Gary Magnuson of CMG to our current regulations. Matt second, all in favor.
- Periodic well testing and testing at the time of transfer of a property can be recommended, but not demanded by the Board according to Gary. Resident Barbara Zurawski asked if maybe we could put a notice on the website. Gary volunteered to write up a notice to consider.
- Public Involvement Plan (PIP) discussion was next on the Agenda. Gary wrote up some questions to the Licensed Site Professional. (see attached). All the questions will have to

be answered and this will help the residents understand what is going on. Matt also asked a question through the chat during the meeting. The next meeting should be more technical than the first one was. The first meeting was to introduce people to the PIP process. April 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 is the final date to ask questions.

- The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is offering a Private Wells PFAS Sampling Program free of cost. Gary sent some material and Kathleen looked some up on line as well. Kathleen gave an overview of what the chemicals are. Gary explained the program and how the Mass DEP is trying to get some data on private water supplies. Most of the data are from public water supplies at this point. We would like to get 40 residents to volunteer to have their water tested and be part of this program. We will put this on our website.
- Covid-19 updates were discussed. We are still in the yellow and still have many new cases each week. The schools have moved to a 3-foot distance between students, so there are more students quarantining, but they reduced the number of days to 10 to be more in line with CDC guidelines. Sports guidance is changing according to the DPH on the call today. Nature walks are increased 12-25. Youth programs must have rosters and report to BOH if there are any cases. Golfers must wear a mask if playing in groups. If people are missing second dose vaccine appointments, then they need to go on Mass.gov and they will help them find one or call 211.
- Children's camps will open this year with many restrictions for Covid-19.
- Jim thanked the girls in the office for their hard work especially while he was out of the office. Jim belongs to a committee call SAPHE 2.0 Coalition and the local Boards of Health were awarded \$10 million dollars. We were looking into a 300k grant for shared services. You would have to be part of this for 3 years and it may take away from our towns staff. Andrew and Jim spoke about it, but they did not feel it would be a good choice for our town.
- Hazardous Household Waste vouchers are being given out for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Yard waste is also allowed. The Town Sustainability Committee is working on a place to bring yard waste in the Spring and Fall. Matt is working on a program as well with DPW as well.
- Next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Matt made motion to adjourn, Jon second, all in favor 6:54 p.m.