



# TOWN OF CHARLTON

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

April 6, 2021

### Members Present:

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

### Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director  
Gary Magnuson, CMG

- 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 23, 2021. Member Matt Gagner seconded and all-in favor.
- Addressing Certain homes on Berry Corner Road was first on the Agenda. Gary Magnuson of CMG Environmental put together a letter for the Board to review Re: Notice of Availability of Public Water. The letters refer to the 4 homes that did not tie into the public water system. The homes have been tested several times and have not shown any levels of VOCs over the drinking standard limits. The homes are in an area where the other wells have shown contaminates and they were offered access to tie into the public water system. Gary put together a letter with the facts but does not know if it is appropriate to send it to the current or future homeowners. This decision is up to the Board. Jon made a motion to send the letters as written. Matt second. All in favor. Kathleen has been sending a weekly newspaper article with the sale of houses in Charlton to Andrea in the office. If there are any homes in contaminated area, we will send them a similar letter as well.
- At the last meeting recommendation to add VOCs to the testing parameters in the Charlton Well Regulations was discussed and a motion was passed to update the well regulations. Gary pointed out that the current well regulation already state that VOCs need to be tested for, but it may need to be clarified further. Jim will send the changes over to Cheryl Sbarra, MAHB Executive Director, to look at to see if we need to send to Attorney General or not.
- Periodic well testing and testing at the time of transfer of a property is already mentioned on page 7 of the current well regulations. It states, “the Board may choose to require well

testing at the time of transfer”. Gary recommended that we put the information from the state website onto our Board of Health web page.

- The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is offering a Private Wells PFAS Sampling Program and this information was put on our website. Gary believes that we will be copied on any results from people that decide to participate in the study.
- James Philbrook, Health director gave an update on the SAPHE \$300,000.00 grant for shared services. It was discussed that this program may not benefit the Town of Charlton. It has not been approved through subcommittee at the State level. Jim believes that we should optout before we get too far into it. He believes that we do not need shared services at this time with the staff that we already have. Jon made a motion to optout of the program as stated by Jim Philbrook. Matt second, all in favor.
- There were 18 new Covid-19 cases this week. Graduation ceremonies and proms are being discussed. DESE advised that schools consult with the Local Board of Health when making decisions. Jim had a conversation with the Covid coordinator about making sure the Boards of Health are notified when there is a major quarantine event at the schools so that we can keep the public informed. The Board would like to meet with the Dudley Board of Health to discuss Shepherd Hill proms and graduation ceremonies. Jim would like the Charlton Board to talk about Bay Path as well.
- Kathleen went over some highlights from the weekly MDPH conference call. Food Trucks, grocery stores and restaurants were discussed as well as children’s camps.
- The office is working on helping people find vaccination appointments for eligible residents. Residents can sign up on the town website to get information as they become eligible. Kathleen spoke about the staff in the office and how kind and considerate they are to the residents.
- Jim spoke about some covid restrictions for overnight camps that will make it difficult to open, but the camps will do their best to be safe and open. Jim will be assisting them. Their applications have to be reviewed by the state to make sure they comply with the Covid regulations.
- Next meeting will be April 20<sup>h</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made motion to adjourn, Matt second, all in favor 6:47 p.m.