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BOARD OF HEALTH

January 3, 2023

Members Present:

Matt Gagner, Chair
Jon Sanborn, Member

Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chair, Matt Gagner, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Member Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept the December 6, 2022, minutes. Chair Matt Gagner seconded, all in favor.
- New Business
 - Introduction of the Regional Health Inspector in training-Brianna Dunn
 - Brianna will work for the towns of Sutton, Spencer, Wales, Sturbridge, and Charlton under a Shared Services Grant. There is a 2-year contract currently.
 - Brianna will be taking many training classes over the next few weeks. She will be helping with Food and Housing inspections. No title 5 inspections. Tom Purcell, our title 5 contractor, will help out with the other towns if need be. We have gotten new computer software to use when doing food and housing inspections.
 - She is an employee of the Town of Charlton and she will report to Jim Philbrook our Health Director.
 - Matt let Brianna know that the Board would be there to support her as well.
 - We have funding for a second position to be hired. Jim may recommend that we hire a title 5 inspector to help these 5 towns.
- Old Business
 - Moving forward with the closure of 54 Flint Road Landfill. Meeting on Thursday January 19th at 10:00 a.m. with the DEP. This meeting will be posted, and the Board will attend. Gary Magnuson of CMG Environmental will be prepared for the meeting as well.
 - Discussion about the use of the landfill after it is capped.

- Department Head Reports
 - James Philbrook, Health Director, spoke about how training Brianna and Kim Buccini, assistant to the health inspector, is keeping him sharp. The girls in the office have worked hard getting all the yearly permits processed. The Keep Charlton Beautiful Committee asked Jim about funding for Earth Day. Jim suggested to ask larger companies in the community to donate to the cause as the municipality can not give any funding to them. Jim said that we would help in any way that we can.
 - Discussion about trash haulers going forward when the contract with Casella ends November 30, 2023. Options will need to be investigated soon.
 - Covid Update-11 cases last week. It is expected that after the holidays there will be more cases of Covid and the flu.
- Other Business Not known at time of posting
 - Matt wanted to talk about the Mass Pike East and West and the cleanliness of the rest areas. These areas are in our hometown, and he wonders if the Board can get these rest areas cleaned up. Jim spoke with Mass D.O.T director and he said that if the Mass Pike West will clean up, then the D.O.T will maintain it.
 - Jim will do a reevaluation with Kim and maybe Brianna and do a complete walk through and give a better updated to the Board. Matt would like to see it get cleaned up this spring at least so it doesn't get out of control. Matt would like to keep this as an agenda item going forward.
- Next meeting will be January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made a motion to adjourn, Matt seconded, all in favor 6:57 p.m.

Jon Decker
Matt Logan