



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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BOARD OF HEALTH

April 18, 2023

Members Present:

Peter Lancette, Vice Chair

Jon Sanborn, Member

Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Vice Chair, Peter Lancette, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Member Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept the March 28, 2023 minutes. Vice Chair Peter Lancette seconded, all in favor.
- New Business
 - Well Variance at 51 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd.
 - Jason Dubois is the engineer that was in attendance. Jason presented the plan to the Board and explained that there is currently a cesspool about 20 feet from the shore of the Lake. The property is a very small lot. They are proposing a 2000-gallon tight tank that will have an alarm when it is time to pump it out. The tight tank is 38 feet from the neighbors well at 47 Cranberry Rd. A tight tank would be much safer than the leach pit that is currently there.
 - Sean Green owns 47 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. and called in with concerns. He also has the tight tank plan to reference. He is concerned with the tight tank being closer than 50 feet from his well. It would be 38 feet from the well at 47 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd.
 - It was explained that this is an existing home that has an outbreak with the current system.
 - Jay explained that the DEP asked them to move the tank further from the water as well as conservation and the elevation is of concern. The owner's well is 5 feet from this proposed tight tank.
 - Peter Lancette explained that the Board is here to hear both sides of this issue and they want to protect the health of the residents and would not do anything to willingly endanger the health of the residents.
 - Jon made a motion to approve the variance for the tight tank at 51 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. Peter Second, all in favor.

- Old Business
 - Flint Road Landfill
 - Gary Magnuson was testing all day today. He will report the results when testing is completed.

- Department Head Reports
 - James Philbrook has been going to a lot of meetings for Charlton Coalition for Public Health (CCPH). The Board of Health Inspectional services van has been lettered and ready to do vaccination clinics as well. The windows needed to be covered to allow for privacy. Jim and Kim Buccini, the Assistant to the Health director, will be using this van for inspections so they are not using their own personal vehicles. The Covid-19 case tracing nurses will be helping the public health nurse as the scope of the grant has been updated to allow for that.

- Other Business Not known at time of posting.
 - As part of the CCPH Grant, Mary Carpenter has been hired as the Outreach Coordinator. Mary gave her background. She has an extensive resume and many degrees as well. She will be assisting all five towns in the Coalition. Charlton, Sturbridge, Sutton, Wales and Spencer. She has been working in our Senior Center most recently. She really enjoys working with people and helping them with different situations. Representatives from the coalition along with Charlton HR held interviews for this position.
 - Jon made a motion to accept Mary Carpenter as the community outreach coordinator for the CCPH. Peter second, all in favor.
 - Emily Quinn is also present as the candidate for Regional Health Inspector for CCPH. She was currently working as a health inspector in the Town of Southbridge. She gave a brief background as well and is looking forward to working for the 5 towns in the CCPH. Representatives from the coalition along with Charlton HR held interviews for this position.
 - Jon made a motion to appoint Emily Quinn as the Regional Health Inspector for CCPH. Peter second, all in favor.
 - Jim explained that the online permitting system has made is so that the Board doesn't have to physically sign all the permits.
 - There was a spill this past weekend in front of the Police station that Peter was wondering about. The fire department took care of it very quickly.

- Next meeting will be May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made a motion to adjourn, Peter seconded, all in favor 6:38 p.m.



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