



# TOWN OF CHARLTON

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

May 11, 2021

### Members Present:

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

### Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director

- Acting Chair, Jon Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Matt made a motion to reorganize the Board. New Member Pete Lancette seconded. Jon Sanborn will now be Chair, Matt Gagner will be Vice Chair and Pete Lancette will be the member. All in favor, motion passed. Jon and Matt thanked former Chair, Kathleen Walker for her service over the last 3 years.
- Vice Chair, Matt Gagner, made a motion to accept minutes from April 20, 2021. Pete seconded and all-in favor.
- Next on the Agenda was to the appointment of Charlton residents Joseph and Celeste Mahaney to the Recycling Committee. Chair of the Recycling Committee Deb Marquis was there to speak about this. Jon made a motion to appoint Joseph and Celeste Mahaney to the Recycling Committee. Matt second and all in favor.
- Encumbrance of the prior fiscal years Household Hazardous Waste Day voucher was discussed next. Not many people are taking advantage of the vouchers. The possibility of reallocating these funds to another purpose was considered. Peter suggested that this be tabled until the next meeting.
- Health Director, Jim Philbrook, spoke about an email from Mark Baldi at the DEP about the contamination on Cemetery and Gould Road. He will forward it to the Board. Matt suggested that the PIP needs to suggest a point of contact for the DEP to communicate with in this group. We are still waiting for information from Exxon/Mobile on the testing they have been doing.
- Jim gave his updates. He stated that the schools are back in school full time and contact tracing has decreased. They are moving along with end of the year plans such as proms and graduation. The CDC has approved the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 years of age but the MDPH has asked that no appointments be scheduled yet. The MDPH calls used to be twice a week and now there is only one call a week. Jim inspected the Dudley Schools last week and tomorrow they will inspect the Charlton Schools. The vaccine clinic in

Southbridge is now open to walk-ins. The amount of people going to the clinics in the area has decreased. Things are moving in the right direction as far as Covid cases going down. We will have a new nurse helping out with contact tracing soon as well.

- Business unknown at the time of posting was about aerial mosquito spraying and being able to “opt out” of this spraying. A decision would have to be made before May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 if we wanted to opt out of emergency spraying. We are not part of a program to do regular aerial spraying or other mosquito control methods because the cost is too high. If the State needs to do emergency spraying, we would not object. Matt made a motion that we respond to the States notification that we would not opt out of the emergency State spraying if they felt it was needed, however we are not going to participate in a spray program on our own. Pete seconded, all in favor.
- Matt said that we need to talk about the scalping at the Flint Road Landfill. When the third-party inspection was done over the past couple weeks, there were some areas located that need to be repaired before they get worse. The liner is exposed in some areas. It was discussed that the Board could ask Bruce Burlingame to give them a price to do these repairs while he is still under contract. The landfill mowing needs to go up to bid for the next 2 years soon. The Bid should go onto a public site so that contractors can bid on it as well as informing the contractors that have responded with a bid in the past.
- Most of what Jim was going to talk about in his department head reports was already discussed in this meeting. He did want to add that we have ordered supplies for the regional EDS trailer and that there will be an inventory done to make sure it is stocked.
- Matt and Jon welcomed Pete Lancette to the Board.
- Next meeting will be June 1st at 6:00 p.m.
- Matt made motion to adjourn, Pete second all in favor 7:00 p.m.

