



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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BOARD OF HEALTH

July 2, 2019

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director
Tom Purcell-Title 5 Engineer

- Chairman Matt Gagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Kathleen Walker, Vice Chairman, made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, June 11, 2019. Member, Jon Sanborn Second, all in favor.
- 181 Nugget Drive Tight tank variance was next on agenda. Title 5 Engineer, Tom Purcell, explained that there was a small lot and they put the tight tank in the best place possible. Specifics were discussed. Jon Sanborn, Member, made the motion to except the plan as indicated, Kathleen Walker, Vice Chairman, second, all in favor.
- Ben Trusiak attended to speak about his revoked food permit for Shucks Food Truck. Health Director, Jim Philbrook, excused himself. Matt explained that Jim has the right to inspect any time that he wants since they are serving food to the public. Ben explained that he felt that his truck seemed to be inspected more than other trucks around him. Ben does understand that Jim has the right to inspect whenever he wants to abide by Charlton's rules. He apologized for his reaction to Jim wanting to inspect his truck and Matt feels that 30 day suspension was sufficient. Kathleen has the utmost respect for Jim and also does not have a problem reinstating the permit. Jon made a motion to reinstate Shuck's Food Truck permit to operate in Charlton, Kathleen second, all in favor.
- Matt chose to skip to H. Foote Road discussion. The Widings from 89 H. Foote Rd. were in attendance. They mentioned that the odors are terrible. Concerns about

the response times and process of calling into the hotline were discussed. Jim returned and also said that he went there and it smelled bad. Jim spoke about letters that we sent out to five residents that had not responded. Mrs. Widing also mentioned that the water deliveries have been getting messed up. She got orange seltzer instead of water.

- Hazardous Waste Day was discussed next. Roland and Nancy Jackson from the recycle committee were in attendance. They would like to set up a Hazardous waste day just for Charlton. Roland would like to have construction materials brought to N. Oxford and paid for by weight. This would just be for hazardous chemicals such as batteries, paints, oil etc.. Kathleen spoke about a Hazardous waste program that the town had in the past. Casella took it over for free after that 4 times a year. The deal with Casella ended last year for Hazardous Waste Day. Now they are being charged for half a car and whole cars. It doesn't make sense for people that are just getting rid of a couple buckets of paint, bag of batteries or something similar.
- Jim mentioned that there is \$3000.00 in our yearly budget for Hazardous Waste. Discussion about sharing one with another couple of towns to split the cost. Southbridge and Dudley were mentioned as well as Oxford and Sturbridge. Mark Widing mentioned that when there is a Household Hazardous Waste day at Casella in Southbridge and people don't want to pay, some of them then go down to H. Foote Road and dump the stuff there. The town of Charlton ends up having to pick it up months later anyways and pays for it in the end. It makes sense to have the town pay for it first so that people don't dump as much.
- Yard waste was discussed next. William Caulway has lived in the town for 30 years and brought some information to share with the Board. Again the concern is about these things being dumped in areas that they don't belong. He brought pictures of the place on Flint Road that they used to put their yard waste. He also took pictures of the Old DPW where people pick up sand and salt and there is a compost pile there of wood chips. Those areas are not available. Matt is concerned with funding for this. William said that every time you give someone a benefit and then take it away, you create a problem. He was asked to meet with the recycling committee as well.
- Steve Koronis of 17 Old Worcester Road has concerns about edible marijuana. Why are they made to look like candy? Kids are going to the hospital because they ingested edibles. Matt mentioned that we don't have the authority to tell them how to market their products despite how wrong it is to market to under aged. Jim said it would have to be restricted at a state level and controlled by the cannabis control commission. The entire Board and Jim agree with Steve that this

is an issue and they have been trying to do something about it, but they have no control over it. The product is not here in Charlton yet, but it is coming. Kathleen suggested that Steve maybe find some solutions and bring them back to the Board since he is so passionate about this.

- Fletcher and Tilton has sent the Board a Public Records regarding vaping and tobacco regulations.
- Flint Road landfill mowing was next on agenda. The Bid winner (Embankscape, Tommy Dalt) met with Gary Magnuson of CMG Environmental at landfill. His mowing equipment is state of the art and good for mowing the landfill. He will do the mowing in October per the bid specs.
- Matt wrote a letter to make sure that that the Board has a right to a site assignment hearing for the proposed site for the Northeast LNG facility proposed in Charlton. Jim spoke about a committee to ask questions as intervenors. It is recommended that a Board member be part of this committee to ask questions on behalf of the Board. Jon will try to attend.
- Vaping and Tobacco was discussed. Cheryl Sbarra had asked a question about the intentions of the separate tobacco/vaping regulations. Jim has forwarded Kathleen's answer and the Board is awaiting her draft regulations.
- Jim spoke about camp inspections. He has been spending a lot of time on Camp Joslin because of a doctor issue. Capen Hill is the only camp left to inspect.
- Public Health Nurse Fund has run out. Jim will write a letter the Finance Committee to obtain more funds. Also the funds for Flint Road landfill monitoring will need to be replenished. DEP says this must be funded.
- The Public Health Trailer will be repaired and cleaned with grant money.
- Next meeting was proposed for July 23, 2019.
- Kathleen made motion to adjourn, Jon second, all in favor at 8:08 p.m.