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BOARD OF HEALTH

July 27, 2021

Members Present:

Jon Sanborn, Chair

Matt Gagner, Vice Chair

Pete Lancette, Member

Also Present:

Andrew Golas-Town Administrator

James Philbrook, Health Director

Gary Magnuson, CMG Environmental

- Chair, Jon Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Matt Gagner, made a motion to accept minutes from June 29, 2021. Member, Pete Lancette seconded and all-in favor.
- 77 Lelandville tight tank discussion was taken off of the agenda. The owners have decided to have the engineer design a septic system on the property across the street.
- Cemetery and Gould Road updates was next on the agenda. Two families that are residents of this area have stepped up to be the leaders of the PIP group.
- Gary Magnuson was present to talk about the Exxon/Mobile Source Assessment Report. Exxon/Mobile was asked by DEP to evaluate the area around the Coptic church on Cemetery Road. MTBE was present in the area, but not above acceptable limits. They did not know where it was coming from. They documented contamination about 5500 feet from this sight. A very detailed assessment using lines of evidence, different technical points to say that the source of the contamination at the Gould and Cemetery Road area came from A, B or C. Taking a scenario, running that scenario and coming up with a conclusion. Fracture trace analysis showed how the water in the bedrock should flow. Compound specific isotope analysis study was done as well. The bottom line is that DEP hired a consultant to review the study done by Exxon/Mobile to get their evaluation. That is forthcoming. They are looking for a PIP meeting in September. Are there any glaring questions that we want answered at the PIP meeting? It is not Gary's job to decide if the report is right or wrong, but to just to help understand what it means. They have to convince DEP, not Gary or the Board of Health. The problem Gary has with the report is that they didn't come up with a scenario or solution that says "this is the likely source". They did take some time studying the property at the church itself as there was a

presumed gasoline tank on the property that turned out to not be a possible source. DEP will review the assessment and give an opinion.

- Judy Gilmore from Cemetery Road mentioned an email that the Board of Health was not ccd on and some of the question from the last PIP meeting were addressed.
- It was observed by Donna Perry of Gould Road that the last PIP was not interactive, and she hoped that the next PIP meeting would be more interactive between the residents and Exxon/Mobile. She also wanted to know if there would be further studies at the Coptic church would continue as a possible source and who would do this. Will Mark Baldi weigh in on his opinion of this report before the PIP?
- Property complaints at E. Baileys Road was next on the agenda. Health Director, Jim Philbrook, received a phone call from the town of Auburn that there was a resident that they had a problem with that moved into Charlton. Jim did drive by the property on E. Baileys Road, and the owner has been served with a notice of inspection. He is living in a trailer and dumped all of his possessions on the property. Residents are concerned. The inspection will be on August 11, 2021.
- Next on the agenda was the Department Head reports. Jim mentioned the Northeast Energy Center meeting on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 29th, 2021. This is to discuss MassDEP's proposed decision on the Northeast Energy Center air plan application.
- Jim received a complaint that the municipal water has an odor. This is because of the switching of reservoirs due to the large amounts of rain. If you put the water in a pitcher in the refrigerator, the odor should go away. The municipal water is always tested and is safe. An odor does not mean the water isn't safe and no odor doesn't prove that it is safe.
- The well at 33 Ayers Road has been decommissioned.
- We are still waiting to hear about the Grant for Contact Tracing Nurse.
- We have about 30 employees at Karl Storz that have signed up to get the Covid-19 vaccine from Harrington mobile unit. They will be going to Karl Storz next week. We will be discussing covid-19 and schools as soon as DESE comes out with guidance. Jim mentioned that the schools are providing free summer meals and there have been extras if any residents need them, please come by chip in.
- There were about 1200 new Covid-19 cases over the weekend and about 5 cases in Charlton in last 2 weeks. Numbers in the area are starting to creep up. Member Pete Lancette suggested that we need to have a primary and secondary plan and there should be a threshold that we base decisions on for Covid restrictions.
- The next meeting will be scheduled on August 10th, 2021, by Zoom.
- Matt made motion to adjourn, Pete second all in favor 6:56 p.m.



Jim Philbrook
Matt Stogner