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## BOARD OF HEALTH

August 1, 2023

### Members Present:

Matt Gagner, Chair  
Jon Sanborn, Vice C  
Kathryn Vear, Member

### Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director  
Tom Purcell-Title 5 Consultant

- Chair, Matt Gagner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept the July 11, 2023, minutes. All in favor.
- Bay Path Tight Tank Plan Review
  - Lenny Jalbert was the Engineer in attendance as well as Tom Purcell, Title 5 Consultant, to discuss this tight tank for occasional use. Tom doesn't have any issues with it. It is for a field house, and it would be a manifest injustice to hook up to septic 750 feet away. An alarm will go off when it is 60% full. It is 3000 gallons.
  - Member, Kathryn Vear made a motion to approve the plan as presented for the field house holding tank for Bay Bath Regional Vocational High School, Jon Second, all in favor.
- Well Variance for 89 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd.
  - Richard Gobi Engineer and the homeowner Craig Walker and Tom Purcell were in attendance to discuss this variance. Richard Gobi explained that some of the wells in question were not visible. He sent letters to these residents asking for information about their wells. He also sent letters to all abutters that had wells within 100 feet giving them notice about the Board of Health hearing tonight.
  - Karen Fierro from 44 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. was in attendance and claims that her well at 96 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. is 44 feet from this proposed leach field.
  - Another resident sent in a list of questions about this as she could not attend the meeting. Neither Tom nor Matt has ever seen a septic system that they approved a variance on contaminate a well. Tom gave an explanation as to why this is the

- case. Certain safety measures are required by the state of Massachusetts to keep wells safe from septic systems. Tom suggested that they have their well tested to establish a baseline and then have it tested again in a year or so to see if anything changes. Matt feels that this is safe but wants to know if these residents feel safe about drinking their water after hearing what the engineers have to say about the safety of a new septic system. Jim mentioned that the upgrade is improving what is there now. A new septic system is safer than the old cesspool that is there now.
- Jon Made a motion to approve the proposed septic system dated July 2023 by Gobi Engineering at 89 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. with the understanding that there are wells within the 100-foot buffer and specifically from 96 Cranberry Meadow Shore Rd. with the stipulation that there is a preliminary water test done and then 6-8 months after the occupancy permit. Kathryn Vear seconded and all in favor.
  - Old Business
    - Flint Road Landfill-
      - Health Director Jim Philbrook updated the Board since Gary Magnuson was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. McQuade approved the core drilling at the landfill.
      - There was another J-hit for PFAS at 55 Flint Road. 131 Burlingame had j hits of PFAS as well. Matt made it known that they are aware of it but wants to wait until the next quarter to see if they get an actual detection.
      - Matt asked how we are doing with the mowing of the landfill. Jim was not sure and will follow up on it.
  - Department Head Reports
    - Emily Quinn is working with the 5 towns in the Charlton Coalition of Public Health (CCPH) as regional inspector. She is doing some more training. We have ordered some CCPH uniforms.
    - Jim had to give an order of condemnation for a residence in Charlton. Mary Carpenter, the CCPH Community Health Coordinator, is working to help the owner of this home.
    - Jim Mentioned sheltering families in area towns and there was a discussion about this.
    - Camp Foskett had to be closed twice because of water contamination at the beach.
  - Other Business unknown at the time of posting
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  - Next meeting will be August 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
  - Jon made a motion to adjourn, Kathryn seconded, all in favor 7:07 p.m.

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in black ink and appears to be 'Jon Seuler'. The bottom signature is in blue ink and appears to be 'Matt Hogan'.