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BOARD OF HEALTH

September 5, 2023

Members Present:

Matt Gagner, Chair

Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

Gary Magnuson-CMG Environmental

- Vice Chair, Jon Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He was speaking for Matt since he had some dental work today.
- Chair Matt Gagner made a motion to accept the August 1, 2023, minutes, Jon Second. All in favor.
- Keep Charlton Beautiful Committee update:
 - Deb Marquis was in attendance to give an update. The focus for FY22-FY23 was on the recycling dividends program. It is run by the DEP and we get credit for every recycling effort that they make. Last year they only got \$735.00. Kara in the selectman's office and Paul Degnan at Casella helped a lot to get points. They got \$3500.00 this year. The Saturday drop-off gave them a lot of points. It will be difficult to get points next year without this. They will get the money in November.
 - One of the younger members was able to get them on Instagram and Facebook to get the message out to people. They have a table at EarthFest in April, The Blueberry Fest in July, and a table at Old Home Day. There are recycling products on sale here at the town hall. There was a raffle of an outdoor composter this year as well.
 - Household Hazardous Waste Day and the voucher system has been very successful. Deb is interested to find out if HHWD will continue after September 30th 2023 and also what will happen in place of Saturday drop off at N. Oxford Casella. Discussion about possibly using the vouchers for Saturday drop off. Deb would like to continue to be able to help elderly people that may not have more than one or 2 bags of trash a week and it would be too expensive for them to hire a trash hauler. Maybe prepay for bags from a hauler?
- Old Business:
 - Flint Road Landfill-Gary Magnuson was in attendance.

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- A lot is going on at Flint Rd. landfill. Capping end of project completed 26 test pits last week. DEP was there to oversee, and all went well. They defined the property boundary of the landfill. 95% of the refuse is inside the boundary. There is some debris within 2 to 5 feet of the road in one section and a flap will be able to take care of that. Solid Survey of the road is an issue.
- CMG has sampled 30 homes for PFAS and 13 more to do. They have attempted to put the brakes on going any further. The 11 PFAS6 detections at the farthest reaches are very low and may not be related to the landfill. He would like to discuss it with DEP. The last 13 homes are not as receptive to getting the testing done. Letters have been hand delivered. Next step is to certify mail them.
- CMG staff is taking all the data and analyzing it and creating some graphs for a technical argument to the DEP. If we don't, we will be testing the entire town. There are so many other sources of PFAS besides landfills.
- Jim expressed that the office is overwhelmed with the water delivery issues. Gary said that this town is getting water to the residents faster than any other town has. As soon as the text is sent to Jim, the water is bought and delivered and then the girls in the office get them set up with Ready refresh deliveries. We are arranging to have some bulk stored at the highway department, so Jim does not have to go out and buy it.
- Gary prepared some costs for 3 scenarios. See attached
- The most viable means of providing potable water is a waterline. It needs to be discussed. This would not be an issue for Flint Road, Old Town Rd. and Dresser Hill, but Burlingame would be an issue. Only 2 homes on Burlingame with detections so far.
- Gary has tried to comingle the 1,4 dioxane testing for 3 residents with the PFAS to make less trips and bother the residents less and to save money.
- Department Head Reports
 - Water delivery situation is a monumental task. Lots of Title 5 work coming in. Housing issues, school inspections coming up. Andrew Goals, Town Administrator, has developed a task force to deal with distressed properties. Covid is back around again. Nurses are still monitoring cases. Migrants assistance in Sturbridge, Sutton, Auburn.
- Other Business unknown at the time of posting
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- Next meeting will be October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- Matt made a motion to adjourn, Jon seconded, all in favor 7:18 p.m.

Jon Jackson
Matt Jager