



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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BOARD OF HEALTH

September 17, 2019

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chairman Matt Gagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon Sanborn, Member, made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, August 20, 2019. Kathleen Second, all in favor.
- First item on Agenda was a well variance at 61 S. Charlton Shore Road. The owner of this property was present. He is moving his well to be further away from his septic. The neighbors at 63 and 65 S. Charlton Shore Road are working together with him to have all of their wells drilled by same driller. Kathleen made a motion to approve the variance, Jon Second, all in favor.
- Flint Road Landfill mowing was started. They ran into an issue and need to get some more crew out to help. Gary Magnuson of CMG will inspect after they are finished. The DEP would like to inspect the site as well.
- Jim Philbrook, Health Director gave an update on H. Foote Road water line. September 25th will be ceremony at the opening of the pump station. An engine blew up and they are trying to get a new one. September 25th is the deadline set up by DEP. Jim showed the Board some charts that he got at the last meeting. Houses that did not opt to connect were discussed. They were notified several times and did not respond.
- Melissa Widing of 89 H. Foote Rd. informed the Board that the neighbors have been getting flavored water instead of regular water. Also, odors are still a major issue. She called the odor hotline Saturday night.
- John Jordan of 68 H. Foote Road would like to know when meters be installed? Jim said he would check on this.
- Next on the agenda was the tobacco regulations. Kathleen Walker, Vice Chairman shared some statistics that she had researched. Seven people have died from vaping

related illness and 380 registered cases of illness from vaping are reported. The FDA plans to ban vaping products all over the country. Some states have already done so. The Board had already taken a proactive approach and had Cheryl Sbarra, MAHB Director of Policy and Law, write up restrictions that ban flavored tobacco products except menthol. Kathleen read some of these regulations. See attached document. Matt and Member, Jon Sanborn want to wait until 1/1/20. Kathleen would like to do it sooner as the retailers in town know that the Board has been working on this for quite some time. Matt suggested 11/15/19. Kathleen made a motion to approve the tobacco regulations to go into effect on 11/15/19 and have blunt wraps be allowed. Jon second and all in favor.

- Matt was out in the field and noticed a septic system that was left unfinished at 34 Lincoln Point Road from April. Silt has been washing into the system. Matt mentioned it to Tom Purcell, Title V Engineer, to inspect the system. He would like to send a letter to the installer asking them to finish the system and would like it to be in the installer's file as well just in case something goes wrong with the system in the future. Old sand should be dug out and new sand put in. He would like to see the sand slips show that this was done. Kathleen made a motion that this letter be mailed to the installer and the home owner and a copy in the installer's file and septic file for this address. Jon second and all in favor.
- Jim updated the Board on EEE. Jim has been on conference calls with the state and residents have been calling the office for information. Spraying has been completed in Charlton at this point. There was an emergency alert put on the website and a reverse 911 went out. The only reason that Charlton was sprayed at all was because of the straight lines that the planes have to fly. Bordering towns to Charlton needed to be sprayed because they were high risk, but Charlton is not in a high risk area. Most of Charlton was not sprayed. Just the outside edges. We are at the mercy of what the state decides. Some people are calling and wanting to be sprayed and some people are upset that they are being sprayed. Jon mentioned that the chemical is Anvil 10+10 and people can research it online if they are concerned. Jim also mentioned that town activities need to be done by 6:00 p.m. until further notice. Jim explained that the state epidemiologists test collections of mosquitoes to help determine what the risk levels are in certain areas.
- 19 Carroll Hill Road update. System has been designed and all tenants are out of the apartments.
- Jim issued an order to vacate at 26 Gillespie Road trailer. Jim will be working on this issue.
- Kathleen updated the Board on the Household Hazardous waste situation. Southbridge already has a deal with Casella. It would be just Dudley and Charlton that are interested in working together. The amount of Charlton residents currently using the Southbridge Household Hazardous waste day has been about half of what it was in the past. They will continue talking about an alternative.

- Kathleen also updated the Board about the yard waste issue. They will be discussing this at the Recycling Committee Meeting.
- Kathleen asked if there was anything new with LNG. Jon gave a quick synopsis about the meetings.
- Jim updated the Board on 2 housing inspections.
- Next meeting will be October 15, 2019.
- Kathleen made motion to adjourn, Jon second, all in favor at 7:49 p.m.

Jon DeLeon
Robert Walker
Matt - Angus

