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BOARD OF HEALTH

October 3, 2023

Members Present:

Matt Gagner, Chair

Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

Gary Magnuson-CMG Environmental

- Chair, Matt Gagner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept the September 5, 2023, minutes, Matt Seconded. All in favor.
- Old Business:
 - Flint Road Landfill-Gary Magnuson was in attendance.
 - Landfill capping at 54 Flint Rd. We are on schedule to meet the deadline for capping design. Property boundary issues are easier than they thought. Need a meeting with Andrew Goals Town Administrator to resolve these legal issues. We need to decide which design to go with by the next meeting. Discussion about different options and material that would be brought in to fill and shape the landfill. As a Board they need to come up with a plan that will be environmentally safe and not be too much for taxpayers.
 - Matt asked if Com 97 material could contaminate the site more by squishing it down into the landfill. Gary does not believe so, but he can't answer all the questions but can bring in an expert Bruce Haskell to help answer them.
 - PFAS and 1,4 dioxane testing. We are on the second round of PFAS testing about 15 have been tested. Only a few came back, and they are generally the same. Residents have been great, and the testing is going smoothly. The one new bit of information is 151 Burlingame Rd. came back above 20ppt. DEP mandates that this home will get a treatment system. Gary is getting quotes for the treatment system, and we will have it installed in the next couple of weeks. That detection makes another 500-foot radius. They are still doing a study as to how far this radius

should go. Where there is a concern that it could be the landfill, the 500-foot radius rule will keep going.

- Department Head Reports
 - The Town Administrator Andrew Golas organized a meeting with the attorney general's office to address properties that are distressed and abandoned. They are hoping this will encourage owners to fix up these properties. Jim explained a little about the program. Matt is interested in talking about it and willing to hear about the program, but he is very unsure about this. The Board of Health would have to approve going forward with this program. Matt would understand a voluntary program, but not a mandatory program.
 - We had a flu clinic today. About 38 people attended. We ordered free covid kits. 9 pallets are coming on Thursday, and we will share them with other area towns.
- Other Business unknown at the time of posting
 - Residents from 17 S. Sturbridge Road were in attendance. They wanted to know if there are any updates about the weekly trash drop off at Casella in N. Oxford. Matt explained that the Selectmen needed to select a contractor for municipal buildings. The ability to drop off trash at the Casella transfer station was a privilege from a contract that was made years ago. It was good while it lasted, but we are not taking anything away from the residents. Most towns must pay for trash either in their taxes or hire a private trash hauler. There were some options discussed at the last meeting that are worth exploring.
- Next meeting will be October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- Reorganization of the Board- Former Board of Health Member Peter Lancette was next to become chair, but we had to elect a new member when he left. A brand-new member is not usually chair as they need to learn more about the position first. Matt and Jon are splitting the year and Matt stayed on as chair for 6 months and Jon will start his term 6 months early. Jon made a motion to table the reorganization at the next meeting. Matt seconded and all in favor.
- Jon made a motion to adjourn, Matt seconded, all in favor 7:45 p.m.


