

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2024

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:01 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, John Miller and agent Scott McFarland present. Jayne Smith of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative (SBPHC) was also present to give the BOH an annual update.

Nancy Hannon of 51 Lakeside Rd was present to request feed back on upgrading her septic. She had perc test done several years ago, and attempted to hire an engineer, but was not able to get someone to help her. She requested names of other engineers. She is not interested in getting her own well at this point, and utilizes the shared spring that serves several houses in that area. BOH is familiar with other septics in that neighborhood that probably need upgrading and should be done concurrently to maximize septic to well setbacks.

Jayne Smith of the SBPHC was at the meeting to give an update. She gave a public health nursing overview of 2023, and provided quarterly disease report information. A summary of the fall vaccination clinics and vaccine costs was provided. Two clinic were conducted in New Marlborough, but the thinking is to just to one at the Firehouse next season, where accessibility is better. SBPHC has sharps collection container available for New Marlborough and the BOH should determine where would be the best place to site it, such as Town Hall, the Transfer Station or the Firehouse. The BOH requested 100 Covid test kits (5 test/kit) for distribution to New Marlborough residents at Town Hall; Jayne will put in an order with the state for those. WebEOC and HHAN emergency communication systems were discussed; currently Scott and Larry are the contacts for those.

Jayne gave an overview of what the town arborvirus coordinator should be willing to do, and the BOH confirmed that Scott and Jordan should be the contacts for that. Regarding Tobacco, collaborative towns agree to support each other with respect to Tobacco permitting and inspections. New Marlborough may need to update or implement Tobacco regulations.

Update on Opioid funding regarding settlement money the state received: New Marlborough portion was approved to go to Rural Recovery who can provide addiction services. Jayne will confirm with Mari that NM funding has gone to Rural Recovery.

If deemed appropriate, the BOH should vote to designate SBPHC staff to act as an agent for the New Marlborough BOH, at the request and direction of the New Marlborough BOH. This would be for instances when we desire to ask for assistance, such as for housing inspections or enforcement, or backup field inspection when needed.

Minutes were reviewed and approved for December 12, 2023.

New Well permits issued:

- 21 Corashire Rd, Palermo (drilled well to replace spring)

Septic designs reviewed and approved included:

- No new designs

Title 5 Inspections:

- 358 Mill River-Southfield Rd (Conditional Pass, existing 2-bedroom house; repair permit for D-box replacement)

New perc tests performed:

- Norfolk Rd Map 416 Lot 9.1, Field (New construction, attempted but too wet. Will need to re-try when drier)

Discuss rescheduling of February meeting due to holidays and Scott's schedule, to Monday February 12, 2024.

Review food permit overview for 2024 from Jordan.

Update Board on Knight House. Scott spoke with Tara White who would initiate reaching to contact Charlie Knight by phone. Scott to check back with Tara.

Preliminary review and discussion of BOH FY 25 budgets. BOH budgets to be finalized for February meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting seconded and accepted at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott McFarland, Agent