

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2020

Meeting was called to order by conference call at 6:05 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, Jack Bellinger, agent Scott McFarland and secretary Pia Bellinger present.

September 8, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

BOH fees were discussed regarding fee changes to reflect the actual cost to the town and to update them to address this situation.

Coronavirus updates: It was noted that the state is still in an upswing in positive tests, especially east of the Springfield area. New guidelines for restaurant indoor seating; all areas including bar seating to be a minimum of 6 ft apart. Halloween guidelines to be detailed after agent McFarland consults with other towns in our area. It was also noted that flu season is here and everyone is urged to get flu shots.

Berkshire Springs update: Agent McFarland will contact DPH regarding the ongoing controversy concerning the use of the term “Spring” on the labels of its products, because of a dispute concerning the source of the water. We will continue to be updated about this situation.

The following perc tests were completed:

- Mill River-Gt Barrington Rd Map 402, Lot 57 (New construction)
- 71 Clayton-Mill River Rd (Upgrade-attempt front yard)
- 390 North Rd (New construction)
- Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd Map 401 Lot 14 (new construction)
- 3 Brewer Branch Rd (Upgrade for failed Title 5)

The Following Title 5 inspections were completed:

- 22 Hotchkiss Rd (Pass)
- 772 Norfolk Rd-Berkshire Springs plant (Fail)
- 602-604 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd (Pass Re-inspect from 2018, 18 bedrooms)
- 606 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd (Pass with effluent tee, filter and riser)
- 145 Norfolk Rd (Pass for 1 bedroom; Tank 1 riser; Tank 2 tee, filter and riser)
- 3 Brewer Branch Rd (Fail)
- 915 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd (Pass with tee, filter, riser, new d-box, disconnect softener from septic)

602-604-606 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd systems both passed, and should be enough capacity for the potential school, based on the information provided by the potential buyer. Scott has had no further contact from the potential buyer since his initial questions and informing the buyer of likely water supply requirements for a school.

Septic upgrade design for 238 Hayes Hill Rd received and approved.

Septic design (new construction) for 291 Aberdeen Lane approved for accessory dwelling on same property as main house. Both buildings are in Sheffield, septic is in New Marlborough. Construction is starting.

Agent McFarland received a call from the new owner at 109 Mill River-Gt Barrington Rd, where the outcome of a July 2020 Title 5 was a Fail. An upgrade perc was completed in July. The existing dwelling was documented as 5-bedroom. The new owner is looking to do an accessory dwelling with a bedroom. Agent McFarland indicated the BOH would approve a maximum 5-bedroom septic at this property, but would allow it for the two dwellings if total bedrooms were reconfigured in the dwellings, so the total would stay at 5.

51 Lakeside Rd in the Gibson's Grove area along Lake Buel is looking to do a septic upgrade. Since the lots are small, space is limited and others in the area are looking to put wells in, Agent McFarland will meet with Scott MacKenzie (representative for the owner) on October 20, 2020 to preview the prospective upgrade area. A discussion was had concerning the small lot sizes in this area and the inability of systems to be minimum distances and setbacks from wells. The Board feels that at some point this problem needs to be addressed. Agent McFarland will update the board as information is obtained.

Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pia Bellinger, Secretary.