

Board of Health  
Town of New Marlborough  
Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:07 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, Peter Marks and agent Scott McFarland present.

Minutes from September 20, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

The SBPHC continues to be very busy with vaccination clinics through the month of October (flu, Covid and Covid booster vaccines being offered). There is some personnel changeover as Amy Hardt is leaving the Collaborative and Jill Sweet will be moving into her position while the Collaborative seeks another public nurse. As a result, the Covid dashboard has not been updated. Cases in Berkshire county have generally been holding at a relatively high rate in the first half of October

SAPHE Act capacity assessment surveys (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase) continue. The Phase 2 questionnaire is to be completed by each employee and Board member. Larry and Jordan have completed theirs; Scott and Pete will be completing it this week.

The FDA/food inspection update was provided by Jordan. Jordan indicated the BOH needs to decide how to categorize/permit small NM Farmers Market food vendors. The Board agreed there should be a nominal permit fee and will figure out which of the existing categories (July 1, 2022 updated permit fees) will be appropriate. Recent followup inspections were done for the Southfield Store, Old in On the Green, and Cantina 229. The status of the mobile Taco Truck and Cantina 229 needs to be established for next year. The Taco Truck is done in New Marlborough for this year.

It does not appear that the FDA food grant will be continued in calendar 2023. We have had no update or indication from Jayne Smith or the Collaborative that it was being applied for.

Septic designs received and reviewed included:

- Hayes Hill Road, Map 409 Lot 106, Mintz (New Construction, 3-bedroom, revised property lines)

No new Well permits issued.

Title 5 Inspections:

- 228 Deerwood Park Drive, (Conditional Pass, 3-Bedroom)
- 857 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd, (Pass, 3-bedroom)

Perc tests completed:

- No percs this last month.

Larry spoke with Austin Dupont, resident in Apartment #2 at 1565 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd who had a housing concern. Scott will followup and setup a housing inspection requesting the Alliance's assistance.

Scott received a call from Mark Carson (Selectboard) asking about Charlie Knight's house at 189 Knight Rd, and if the Board was acting on the collapsing condition of the house. The BOH will issue an order to demolish under Nuisance conditions.

The board briefly discussed Cassilas Farm at 604 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd, which there has been some indication that Construct may be redeveloping. No details or permit requests have yet been received by the BOH.

Nancy Hannon of 51 Lakeside Rd near Lake Buel contacted the BOH with questions regarding upgrading her septic. This also brings up questions regarding the shared seasonal water supply in this neighborhood (known as Gibson's Grove), the possible need for upgrading any remaining failing septic and identifying possible private well locations. This was discussed as a possible use for Alliance mini-grant funds, along with a new computer and picture ID card for Jordan.

Motion to adjourn meeting seconded and accepted at 7:26 PM. Next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott McFarland, Agent