

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order by conference call at 6:08 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, Jack Bellinger and agent Scott McFarland present along with secretary Pia Bellinger.

Pia Bellinger submitted her official letter of resignation after many years (since the 1980s) of extraordinary service to the Board of Health. We thanked Pia profusely for her wonderful service and presence. Scott and Jordan have been picking up the administrative duties formerly provided by Pia, and will continue to share these responsibilities of the Clerical position going forward.

Previous meeting minutes were waived for review at the next meeting.

Coronavirus updates: After an uptick in cases during and following the holidays, county-wide cases are starting to decrease. Berkshire County is well setup for vaccinations through the Berkshire Vaccination Collaborative at the three public vaccination sites (Great Barrington, Pittsfield and North Adams), and is actively scheduling individuals 75 years of age or older. Spots open on a weekly basis once the Collaborative is given the number of doses it will receive the following week. On-line registration for available slots in the schedule fill quickly, but good progress is being made. It appears that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is a single dose vaccination, will be available soon.

The final draft of the Board's letter response to the DPH Food Protection Program regarding Berkshire Springs efficacy of being qualified to name their product "spring" water was reviewed and finalized. The BOH will continue to permit the spring water bottling facility, which is sourcing spring water from the same spring and borehole as it has for the previous 20 years. Scott will mail the letter Certified/Return Receipt to DPH.

The following septic design plans were received, reviewed and recommended for approval:

- 103 Hayes Hill Rd, Bellinger upgrade for 3 bedroom
- 1011 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd, Monda, upgrade for 4-bedroom
- 1689 Mill River-Gt Barrington Rd, Blackwell, new construction
- 120 Hillside Rd-Upgrade, Received the requested architectural plans defining the renovated dwelling as 4 bedroom, and can approve the 4-bedroom septic design.

Noted that several new 911 street number assignments were made, and that the BOH doesn't know exactly where they are. This could be easily remedied by simply including the Assessors Map and Lot number on the 911 assignment document so we can update our file appropriately for that lot. Scott will request into the Selectboard and Building Inspector that this additional info be included on the 911 assignments.

No new perc tests or Title 5 inspections were completed since the January 12, 2021 meeting.

Two Special Permits are forthcoming, which the Selectboard has requested BOH input on for septic questions. 53 Lawrence Avenue dwelling is rebuilding a deck, increasing the square footage of the deck, which appears to then encroach over the septic tank. Scott will forward BOH conditions requiring deck structural support elements remain at least two feet away from the tank or pipes, and that there is at least 4' vertical access over the tank covers for maintenance access.

The other special permit is for a 2-bedroom accessory dwelling in an existing garage at 1093 Clayton-Mill River Rd. Basically this will require an additional septic system at this property, as the existing dwelling system is at its bedroom capacity. Scott will confer with the architect for details on the plans.

A brief update regarding Cassilas Farm (#604 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd) status, where the Dewey School is planning to occupy the facility. Scott received a call from Foresight Land Services inquiring as to the existing septic conditions and water supply. Foresight is currently working on these issues for the school.

FY 2022 BOH budgets were discussed in general. Scott will do a detailed review and confer with Larry, in order to get them submitted as soon as possible. The Board decided it would be most efficient for Jordan and Scott to continue to share the clerical duties formerly performed by Pia.

Scott contacted the Alliance for assistance with the housing inspection at 1574 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd, and will have Jeff Kennedy of the Alliance help put together the Order to Correct for the conditions noted.

Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McFarland, Agent.