Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 5:55 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, Peter Marks and agent Scott McFarland present.

Minutes of January 12, 2022 and February 9, 2022 meetings were accepted as presented.

A monthly Covid and public health nursing update through 3/7/2022. Confirmed cases continue to drop substantially.

The board discussed the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative (SBPHC), which has been finalized and undergone review by town counsel and is ready for signing by each towns Bd of Health and Selectboard. Scott will schedule to have Jim Wilusz of Tri-town Health Department meet with the Selectboard to discuss the IMA and provide information.

Regarding FY2023 budgets, the Public health Nursing contract was finalized with the SBPHC to provide public health nursing services to New Marlborough under an annual contract in the amount of $2750. Other BOH budgets were signed off, essentially level funded, and were forwarded to the Town Administrator. The only increased budget was for PermitEyes services from Full Circle Technologies which increased from $2100 to $2230.

Scott will confirm remaining minigrant funds that Jordan can use to purchase a new BOH computer.

Special Permit for Torrico at 234 New Marlborough-South Sandisfield Rd was reviewed. A 3-bedroom septic system is designed for the property and the owner is planning to build two structures with living space. Building layout plans were provided and show one bedroom in the workshop structure and two bedrooms in the main dwelling. Based on these floor plans, the designed 3-bedroom system is sufficient.

Title 5 Septic Inspections:
- 323 Aberdeen Lane, Cialo (Pass, existing 2-bedroom with 1500-gallon tank; 5-bedroom SAS design)

New well permit was issued for Lee for new construction at #245 Adsit-Crosby Rd.

No new septic designs were received.

No new Perc tests were done.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 6 PM. Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McFarland, Agent.

Public health Nursing Covid update, 3/7/2022:
Confirmed and reported cases continued to drop substantially last week. Under the new CDC measure, Berkshire County is currently at the Low/Green level of COVID-19 impact on local health and our healthcare system. Staying up to date with vaccines and testing if symptomatic are recommended for everyone. March 1st DPH mask advisory

remains: recommended for unvaccinated and high-risk individuals (and their household members); required on public transport and in healthcare facilities.

Feb 27-Mar 5 newly reported cases from group residential settings:
Fairview Commons, GB – 0
Simon's Rock, GB – 0
Timberland Heights, GB - 0
Kimball Farms, Lenox – 6
Berkshire School, Sheffield – 0

Feb 17 – Mar 2 reported positive cases by school district:
Berkshire Hills – 11 students, 0 staff
Farmington River – 1 student, 0 staff
Lee – 2 students, 1 staff
Lenox – 6 students, 1 staff
Southern Berkshire – 3 students, 1 staff

March 7 current # of inpatients on COVID precautions:
Fairview – 0
BMC – 1

Confirmed Cases by Town	Feb 27-Mar 5	Feb 20-26	Feb 13-19	Feb 6-12
ALFORD	0	0	0	0
GREAT BARRINGTON	11	6	23	33
LEE	9	6	13	28
LENOX	13	8	11	12
MONTEREY	0	0	3	6
MT WASHINGTON	0	0	0	1
NEW MARLBOROUGH	0	3	1	8
OTIS	5	4	2	3
SHEFFIELD	6	1	7	13
STOCKBRIDGE	4	1	5	5
Grand Total	48	29	65	109
Change from Previous Week	+66%	-55%	-43%	-11%

Case numbers are from MAVEN data, using reported Official Address and Event Date (when first positive test sample was submitted or when reported symptoms began, whichever came first). School district data is from the Dept. of Education 2022-0217covid19-cases.xlsx (live.com) and hospital data is from BHS COVID Data Pittsfield, Massachusetts (MA) - Berkshire Health Systems

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