

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for April 5, 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.

Jayne Smith from the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative (The Collaborative) was present to discuss the New Marlborough FDA Grant and its implementation for New Marlborough. The Grant has up to \$10,000 available through December 31, 2022. Scott, Jordan and Jayne (through the Collaborative) will keep track of their time for food-related work separately for reimbursement by the grant funds. Jayne met with the town accountant (Tara White) to set up the appropriate accounting for this reimbursement grant. Jayne reviewed the grant standards that need to be met and the related action steps. Jordan has expressed interest in getting trained in food inspection and will be taking trainings and apprenticing with Jayne on inspections in other towns.

The BOH also moved to appoint Jayne Smith as an agent of the Bd of Health in New Marlborough. Motion was seconded and approved.

Long time BOH member, Norm Hankey recently passed away. The board agreed to send flowers, which Larry will setup, for Norms funeral service this Friday thanking Norm and his family for his many years of service on the BOH.

Minutes of March 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the Collaborative was signed by the BOH and is scheduled for the April 11th 2022 Selectboard meeting at which Jim Wilusz will be present to answer any questions the Selectboard has.

A monthly Covid and public health nursing update through 4/4/2022 for New Marlborough and Southern Berkshire County was provided by the in an email from Amy Hardt and is attached to these minutes. In general, cases are up slightly in the last week but remain overall relatively low.

Septic designs received and reviewed included:

- 870 Old North Rd (Upgrade, 3-bedroom)
- 789 Stratford Rd (New Construction)
- Brewer Hill Rd, Rothman (new construction, 4-bedroom)

New well permits were issued for:

- 558 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd (Madow, new construction)
- 789 Stratford Rd (Cackovitch, new construction)
- 239 Brewer Hill Rd (replace off-site spring source for existing house)

No new Title 5 inspections or Perc tests were done.

Discuss funds for BOH computer. There is approximately \$425 in aging grant funds available plus up to another \$425 in FY22 expense budget. Jordan will spearhead obtaining a BOH laptop for \$850 or less. Motion to adjourn meeting seconded and accepted at 7:26 PM. Next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott McFarland, Agent.

Public health Nursing Covid update, 4/4/2022:

Berkshire County remains at the CDC's Low/Green level of COVID-19 impact on local health and our healthcare system. No change to mask guidance or other mitigation strategies from CDC or MA DPH.

Mar 27-Apr 2 newly reported cases from group residential settings:

Simon's Rock, GB – 1

Kimball Farms, Lenox – 1

Mt. Carmel Care Center, Lenox - 2

Riverbrook, Stockbridge - 1

Mar 24-30 reported positive cases by school district:

Berkshire Hills – 6 students, 0 staff

Lenox – 2 students, 2 staff

April 4 current # of inpatients on COVID precautions:

BMC – 6

Confirmed Cases by Town	Mar 27-Apr 2	Mar 20-26	Mar 13-19	Mar 6-12	Feb 27-Mar 5
ALFORD	0	0	0	0	0
GREAT BARRINGTON	12	12	11	10	11
LEE	4	3	3	6	9
LENOX	12	5	6	11	13
MONTEREY	3	1	0	1	0
MT WASHINGTON	1	0	0	0	0
NEW MARLBOROUGH	4	1	0	1	0
OTIS	4	1	0	0	5
SHEFFIELD	1	2	1	1	6
STOCKBRIDGE	4	1	3	2	4
Grand Total	49	26	24	32	48
Change from Previous Week	+89%	+8%	-25%	-33%	+66%

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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