

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:13 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Peter Marks and Jordan Chretien and agent Scott McFarland present.

Minutes from May 10, 2022 were approved as amended.

A monthly Covid and public health nursing update for New Marlborough and Southern Berkshire County was provided by the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative in an email from Amy Hardt and is attached to these minutes.

Jordan attended the most recent Collaborative meeting via zoom. Discussions are ongoing regarding Massachusetts Opioid drug settlement funds and how to effectively distribute them to qualifying organizations in our area.

New Marlborough is receiving free covid tests from the state, which will be delivered to town hall. Distribution will be via a sign out sheet at town hall, where residents can pickup the tests.

New Marlborough food establishments were reviewed with Jayne Smith and Jordan and then with the entire board to establish a priority of inspection (number of inspections per year) based on the FDA standards. A Motion was made to adopt the FDA risk-based standards. Motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Some proposed revised BOH fees were reviewed and finalized, to be forwarded to the Selectboard for their review.

The following perc tests were completed since the previous meeting:

- 346 NM-Southfield Rd, Rennert (Former Kolburne School, Upgrade 5-Bedroom)
- 145 Norfolk Rd, White (New construction at former church, 3 or 4-bedroom)
- 42 Hartsville-NM Rd, Fassett (Upgrade 4-Bedroom)
- 527 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd (Upgrade, 6-bedroom)
- 162 Hadsell St, Flemming (Upgrade, 3-bedroom)

The Following Title 5 inspections were completed:

- 527 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd, Wasserman (Fail, 6-bedroom)
- 64 Canaan Valley Rd Main House, McShane (Pass, 3-bedroom, replace D-box)
- 64 canaan Valley Rd Guest House, McShane (pass, 4-BR house, 7-BR SAS)
- 172 Cross to Canaan Valley Rd, (Pass)
- 824 Mill River-Southfield Rd, (Conditional Pass-Needs Tank; 4-bedroom total)
- 164 Peter Menaker Drive, Lafer (Pass, 5-bedroom)

The following well permits were issued

- 1635 Clayton-Mill River Rd, Valinaggi

Septic Design reviewed:

- 114 Downs Rd, Tolin (New Construction, 5-bedroom)
- 243 Canaan Valley Rd, Main House (Upgrade, 3-bedroom)
- 913 Clayton-Mill River Rd (upgrade, 6-bedroom)-Approval conditioned upon abandoning/removing two existing failed systems.

Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McFarland, Agent.

Public Health Nursing Update:

Berkshire County is still in the Medium/Yellow category of CDC's COVID-19 Community Impact levels. Reported cases continue to trend downward for the 4th week in a row.

Confirmed Cases by Town	June 5-11	May 29-Jun 4	May 22-28	May 15-21	May 8-14
ALFORD	1	1	1	4	3
GREAT BARRINGTON	20	24	66	69	81
LEE	11	18	29	28	29
LENOX	13	20	22	28	42
MONTEREY	1	3	6	2	7
MT WASHINGTON	1	0	0	0	0
NEW MARLBOROUGH	2	2	3	5	9
OTIS	2	3	8	8	9
SHEFFIELD	3	6	18	16	24
STOCKBRIDGE	1	5	9	7	11
Grand Total	54	82	162	167	215
Change from Previous Week	-34%	-49.4%	-2.9%	-22.3%	+23%

Reported Cases Living in Group Residential Settings: (Numbers reflect reported lab-based test results, not actual case numbers at facilities where rapid antigen tests are now routinely used onsite)

Justice Resource Institute, GB – 1

Kimball Farms, Lenox – 3

Riverbrook, Stockbridge - 1

Reported Cases by School District (May 26-June 1):

Berkshire Hills – 15 students, 2 staff

Farmington River – 0 students, 0 staff

Lee – 0 students, 0 staff

Lenox – 1 students, 0 staff

Southern Berkshire – 0 students, 2 staff

Current Inpatients on COVID precautions (as of June 13):

BMC – 8

FVH – 0

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 <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/positive-cases/> and hospital data is from [BHS COVID Data Pittsfield, Massachusetts \(MA\) - Berkshire Health Systems](#)

Please consult the [CDC's](#) and [MDPH's](#) current recommendations for masking guidance and other strategies to reduce community spread and protect those at greatest risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

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