

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:03 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien and agent Scott McFarland present, and Jack Bellinger by Phone.

The May 11, 2021 Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Covid-19 related updates: The Berkshire Vaccination Collaborative vaccination sites have closed down as vaccination demand has diminished. Vaccinations are still available at the BHS Pittsfield testing center by appointment. All state Covid restrictions were lifted as of May 29, 2021, except for sensitive facilities/susceptible populations where mask wearing is still required. The Massachusetts State of Emergency officially gets lifted June 15, 2021.

Housing: 1574 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd final inspection by Scott on May 21, 2021. All items corrected except for replacement of 3 window screens and the rusted basement bulkhead that is not yet weathertight. The unit is not to be rented until these items are corrected.

A letter was received from Marjarie and Joseph Boscarino regarding 96 Knight Rd noting the poor condition of the collapsing dwelling at this property owned by Charlie Knight. They requested action to condemn/demolish the structure. The Selectboard also received the notification and is formulating an initial response and communication with the owner. The BOH will be copied on communications and will assist when necessary.

Review FY21 corrected budgets from the accountant to confirm they are on track for year end, 6/30/2021. Scott will followup with Tara White regarding a few remaining questions.

Septic designs submitted for approval include:

- 781 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd (Barn), Miller, New Construction
- 772 Norfolk Rd, BSHC-Berkshire Springs (Upgrade, 30 workers x 15 gpd = 450 gpd)

No new percs or well permits were issued since the previous meeting.

The Following Title 5 inspections were completed:

- 55 Pine Rd (Pass, Jet-Bat treatment to Perc-Rite drip dispersal)
- 9 Arroyo Way (Conditional Pass, replace dist. Box, add vent, Pirana tank aerate)
- 2318 Canaan-Southfield Rd (Pass w/ repair of effluent tee in 1250-gal tank)
- 544 Hotchkiss Rd - (Fail, needs design and upgrade)
- 9 Lakeside Rd - (Conditional Pass, 55' to well needs water sample, replace Dist. Box, install tank inlet tee)

Discuss Title 5 findings from 99 Downs Rd inspection on May 11, 2021. Remaining conditions to be addressed prior to issuance of a final Certificate of Compliance or Pass include: a site well water sample meeting the Title 5 criteria; fill the old metal tank under the dwelling; add protective soil cover over the treatment and pump tanks. Note that no driveway or parking should occur on these tanks or over the well.

The Public Health Excellence Grant (SAPHE act grant) being headed up by Tri-Town Health Department in collaboration with a number of south Berkshire County towns was discussed and signed onto by the BOH Chair. The grant was awarded by the Department of Public Health at the

end of April. A “Statement of Commitment” is what New Marlborough signed onto, to move forward with the Southern Berkshire Public Health Nursing Program. The grant will allow for a full-time public health nurse program serving interested southern Berkshire towns and would ultimately replace and augment the services currently provided by the Berkshire Visiting Nurses Association. Scott will provide information to the Selectboard in support of New Marlborough participating in this grant and obtain their support and signature also. The Berkshire Public Health Alliance, of which New Marlborough is also currently a part of, has also received this grant. The BOH and Selectboard will need to sign the Statement of Commitment to also support the Alliance Services. New Marlborough can be part of both collaboratives as long as different services are received from each, and the town doesn’t supplant its current BOH budget with services provided.

Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McFarland, Agent.