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

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:10 PM with Board members Larry Davis III, Jordan Chretien, Peter Marks and agent Scott McFarland present.

Minutes from June 14, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Minutes from July 12, 2022 were reviewed and approved as amended.

The primary Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative item this month is regional public health funding through the state Public Health Excellence (PHE) grant. The MA Department of Public Health is looking to provide local BOH funding funneled through regional districts or collaboratives. Towns can only be part of one collaborative for purposes of the PHE grant. Jordan motioned that: New Marlborough be included as part of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative's capacity assessment relative to the Public Health Excellence grant. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. Scott will provide this information to the SBPHC and the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, so it is clear New Marlborough is participating in the PHE grant through the SBPHC.

As noted at the meeting, New Marlborough will remain a member town of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, but will not be participating in the PHE grant through the Alliance.

Jordan updated the board on Food inspections, noting that he inspected CMC Berkshires and Gedney Farm with Jayne Smith. They also determined that Les Trois Emme Winery and Freeman Elms B&B did not at this point need food permits.

A brief Public Health nursing update on Covid was reviewed based on the attached graphic from the SBPHC Covid Dashboard.

Septic designs received and reviewed included:

- 42 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd, Fassett (Upgrade, 4-bedroom)
- 571 Hayes Hill Rd, Lombardi (Upgrade, 3-bedroom)
- 476 Rhoades & Bailey Rd, Rong/Hoffman (New construction, 3-Bedroom)

Well permits issued.

• 259 Aberdeen Lane, Curletti, new construction.

Title 5 Inspections:

- 263 East Hill Rd, (Pass, 5-Bedroom)
- 36 Hayes Hill Rd, (Fail, 3-bedroom)
- 732 Brewer Hill Rd, (Pass, 3-bedroom, new D-box)

Perc tests completed:

• 36 Hayes Hill rd (Walker-Price, 3-bedroom Upgrade)

Motion to adjourn meeting seconded and accepted at 7:30 PM. Next meeting scheduled for September 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Scott McFarland, Agent. 8/9/22, 4:26 PM 7_8 Data Dashboard.png

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED 7/8/22 PCR TEST POSITIVITY # NEW REPORTED CASES # PCR TESTS 7-Day Total (June 26-July 2): 57 7-Day (June 26-July 2): 785 7-Day (June 26-July 2): 7.3% 7-Day Change in # Tests: -49% 7-Day Change in Case #s: +16% 7-Day Change in Positivity: +127% MA STATE GUIDANCE: ANYONE HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE - ADVISED TO MASK INDOORS **CDC GUIDANCE: EVERYONE – GET BOOSTER; TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC; MASK* IF** RECENTLY EXPOSED, SYMPTOMATIC, OR TESTED POSITIVE W/N PAST 10 DAYS **BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 IMPACT:** LOW VOC 38.1% 32.7-43.9% **NEW COVID-19 CASES** VOC 17.8% 14.1-22.2% 7-Day Total (Jun 30-Jul 6): 161.67/100,000 POP. VOC 2.5% 2.1-3.0% **NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS** 7-Day Total (Jun 29-July 4): 5.6/100,000 POP. PERCENT OF INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS 7-Day Average (Jun 22-28) : 3%