

Board of Health
Town of New Marlborough
Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order in person at Town Hall at 6:20 PM with Board members Larry Davis III and Jordan Chretien and agent Scott McFarland present. Jack Bellinger was absent.

Minutes of previous meetings were waived. There was no BOH August meeting.

A monthly Covid and public health nursing update for New Marlborough and Southern Berkshire County was provided by the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative and is attached to these minutes. As a matter of interest, Tri-Town Health has issued a Mask directive for its towns, although details of what it entails were not available online as of this meeting.

The Berkshire Overdose Addiction Prevention Collaborative (BOAPC) is requesting that local BOHs vote on and approve a qualified organization to operate a Syringe Services Program in New Marlborough. BOAPC is looking to be that organization, so they have the ability to operate their mobile health unit for syringe exchange as well as comprehensive harm reduction services. BOAPC will provide more specific details for the next meeting.

The following perc tests were completed since the previous meeting (July 13, 2021):

- Norfolk Rd Map 413 Lot 1, (Quinson, New construction)
- Peter Menaker Rd Map 102 Lot 3 (Drucker, New Construction)
- Clayton-Mill River Rd, Map 409 Lot 31 (Evans, New Construction)
- 55 Stratford Rd, Rubin (upgrade)
- 1643 Clayton-Mill River Rd, (Valenaggi, upgrade)
- 30 Mill River-Gt Barrington Rd, (Harshbarger, upgrade)

The Following Title 5 inspections were completed:

- 55 Stratford Rd (Fail)
- 204 Norfolk Rd (Pass)
- 170 Adsit-Crosby Rd (Fail)
- 1688 Hartsville-New Marlborough Rd (Pass)
- 1113 Hartsville-Mill River Rd (Pass)
- 243 Canaan Valley Rd-Main House (Fail)
- 243 Canaan Valley Rd-Garage/Guest house (Pass)

The following well permits were issued:

- 234 New Marlborough-South Sandisfield Rd, Torrico
- 34 Downs Road, Elkin (application and plan received, Scott to inspect prior to issuance)
- 167 Hartsville-Mill River Rd, Lenherr (application received, Scott to inspect prior to issuance)

The following septic designs were submitted and approved:

- 915 Norfolk Rd (New Construction)
- 544 Hotchkiss Rd (Upgrade)
- 1093 Clayton-Mill River Rd (New Construction, accessory dwelling)
- 232 Deerwood Park Rd (upgrade)

- 14 Norfolk Rd (Upgrade)
- 234 New Marlborough-South Sandisfield Rd (New Construction)

Scott received a neighbor call with questions regarding the septic status at 74 Mill river-Gt Barrington Rd, which recently transferred ownership and is undergoing renovations. The BOH has not witnessed a Title 5 inspection for the property. The BOH will send a letter informing the owner of their obligation to perform the inspection.

Update of housing correction orders progress needs to be made for 146 Rhoades and Bailey Rd. Based on a site visit and emails with the owner, no one is currently residing at the house. No new information has been received from the Selectboard regarding the status of the collapsing dwelling at 96 Knight Rd.

The BOH has received documents from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) PFAS well sampling program on their sampling plan for New Marlborough and wishes to meet with the BOH and other town departments for plan input. The BOH does not have any issue with the DEP moving ahead with that plan.

Motion to adjourn was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McFarland, Agent.