

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
BOARD OF HEALTH MTG.
SEPTEMBER 8TH 2020

The mtg. was called to order by Chairman Davis at 6:03 p.m. Mtg. was held by tel. conference, and recorded by the secretary. All members were present, as were the agent Mcfarland and the secretary. There was some discussion concerning the August and June minutes that were delivered to the Town Hall, but because of vacation schedule were not sent to the members. A motion was made, and passed to postpone the readings until the October mtg.

Corona virus update. One new case in NM for a total of seven. The state reported slight uptick in cases and reminds us that flu seasons is coming, and continuing good hygiene and flu shots are very important. No exact date for school reopening. The state and district are working on the final plan.

Umpachene update. No adverse reports, waiting for any labor day weekend concerns, none yet.

Berkshire Springs on 6/20/2019 B.S. applied for a permit from DPH. On 7/1/2019 DPH advised that they would recommend that the N.M. BOH issue a permit. With that information in hand, and the water quality and safety not an issue, and hearing anything further from DPH, the board issued a permit.

Six months late on 2/20/2020, DPH notified B.S. that their original application on 6/20/2019 was incorrect, because the word SPRING was used as a water source, and using the word SPRING on its label was not allowed, because the well in question is not certified as a Spring. B.S. responded to DPH, and subsequently filed a new application, which was rejected. This information is from a two page letter dated 8/4/2020 to the N.M. BOH; advising us not to issue a permit because of this issue.

When a board member asked if the well was just a new penetration into the same vein or aquifer, and the water was the same; the answer was yes. Because B.S. is a long time valued member of our community; the board members unanimously support them in their efforts to come to a fair solution to this problem. In turn, the B.S. representative thanked the board, and especially agent Mcfarland, for his efforts on their behalf.

Title 5 and perc updates

Cassilus farm property 602/204 and 606 hartsville – NM rd. A request for infrastructure info. From David Baum (prospective buyer) who plans to move his private school (John Dewey Academy from Gt. Barrington to this location. Agent Mcfarland will have copies of his answers to mr. Baum sent to the board. Title 5 on both properties are set for Tuesday next. The board discussed the fact that a public water supply would be needed and possibly a special permit from the select board; because of a change of use.

Silver 292 RD road, new treatment system, in progress

Red fox drive 328 NM SS rd upgrade in progress

With no further business; a motion to adjourn the mtg. was made, seconded and passed at 7:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Pia Bellinger secretary