



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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BOARD OF HEALTH

February 23, 2021

Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair

Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Matt Gagner, Member

- Chair, Kathleen Walker, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Jon Sanborn, made a motion to accept minutes from February 9, 2021. Member Matt Gagner seconded and all-in favor.
- At the last meeting Jon Sanborn made a motion to include the following information on Assessor's cards for specific locations - "Charlton has had well contamination throughout various areas of the town. Municipal water has been provided to some of these areas. Other areas may or may not have well contamination even in areas where the municipal water was supplied. Call the Board of Health to find out if there is potential contamination in this area." The motion passed unanimously. There will also be a system installed at the town hall that will enable the departments to communicate with each other. It is possible that we may be able to find out what properties are being transferred by that method. It may be possible to look in the local paper at the houses that were sold and send a letter after the sale. Matt suggested putting something on local access cable as well.
- Cemetery/Gould Road update. March 15, 2021 PIP meeting. Gary Magnuson is waiting for the PIP draft report. Gary has identified a list of residents that are within a half mile radius of 44 and 74 Gould Rd. Due to well contamination in the area Exxon/Mobile is providing a public meeting on March 15, 2021 where concerned residents of the town are welcome to attend and listen and ask questions with Exxon/Mobile Residents and consultants. Language in the letter could include, "We are sending this to you because you are within one half mile of the identified contaminated wells."
- Kathleen received a letter from the School Committee asking if the Board of Health would recommend that the School Committee could return to in person meetings. Kathleen and Jennifer from Dudley both got the letter and suggested that since the town halls are not open yet and none of the other Boards are meeting in person that she would not think so, but she would bring it up to the Board at this meeting. The Board does not have a decision on this. A teacher is concerned about the classes coming back to full size in March. Again, the Board really can't do anything about this situation as the School Committee has not followed their recommendations on the matter in the past. There have been 49 new Covid-19 cases in last 2 weeks in Charlton ages 1 to 83. Charlton is in the yellow still. Kathleen

talked about the link on the town website to sign up for Covid-19 vaccination information from us. She encourages everyone to sign up. The women in the office can help people get signed up for vaccinations.

- During the Weekly Massachusetts DPH webinar, it was mentioned that the second vaccine should be at the same site as the first vaccine, but you can get it at another if you need to. You do need to make sure to get the same type of shot, Pfizer or Moderna.
- Next meeting will be March 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- Matt made motion to adjourn, Jon second, all in favor 6:43 p.m.