



TOWN OF CHARLTON
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BOARD OF HEALTH

April 20, 2021

Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair
Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director

- Chair, Kathleen Walker, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Jon Sanborn, made a motion to accept minutes from April 6, 2021. Kathleen seconded and all-in favor.
- Addition to existing well regulations was discussed. James Philbrook, Health Director confirmed that they don't have to forward any changes to the Attorney General. They will need to be submitted to the DEP for filing. The Board will have to sign the changes first. Well regulations are on the BOH web page.
- Jennifer Cournoyer of the Dudley Board of Health joined the meeting.
- Jim mentioned that DESE changed the quarantine to within 3 feet for 15 minutes instead of 6 feet. Both students must have a mask to avoid a quarantine as well. This is also on School busses.
- Shepard Hill has planned Proms, Graduation and other Senior activities. The prom and graduation are planned in Worcester so the Dudley and Charlton Boards of Health have no say in it. The Boards are not being kept up to date on what is going on in the schools by the proper channels. Lori Ducharme also joined from the Dudley Board of Health. Both Boards are frustrated that they are not being included in big health decisions made by the schools. Jen expressed her frustration that parents ask the Boards why they let things happen when they can only make recommendations. Lori is wondering if other Towns are having this same problem. Jim says that he has spoken to other towns and they are having similar issues. The Schools should be making decisions about public health in conjunction with the Boards of Health. Bay Bath has kept the 6-foot distancing and all has been quiet over there. The Health of the students and staff at the schools also effects the health of the general public.
- There are 24 new cases in Charlton over the last week or so. Dudley and Charlton are both still Yellow. Overall, numbers have gone down. Kathleen is trying to find out about

the Ambassador program. It is a program to help get everyone vaccinated. Dudley would be interested in learning more about it as well.

- Household Hazardous Waste Vouchers have not all been used for this fiscal year. We should be able to encumber the funds for next year.
- Recycling Committee is looking for things to use funds for. They are hoping to put up signs saying that there are large fines for littering. Yard waste is being collected at the DPW for free. Signs are up around town. Earth day is this week and the Earth Day Committee has asked people to pick a street to clean. They are meeting behind the Town hall and will get bags, pickers and a t-shirt. Casella is picking the trash up for free as well.
- Jim mentioned that the office is signing up people for vaccinations. He urged people to stay home if they feel sick and to get tested. Also, he urged people to get vaccinated. We had an emergency Beaver Permit pulled for Gould Road so it doesn't flood.
- Next meeting will be May 11th at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made motion to adjourn, all in favor 6:49 p.m.

Pat Kanick
Jon Jalen