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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

June 29, 2021

### Members Present:

Jon Sanborn, Chair  
Matt Gagner, Vice Chair  
Pete Lancette, Member

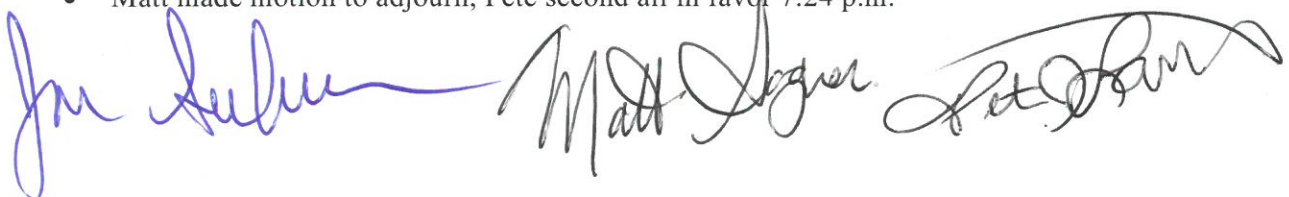
### Also Present:

James Philbrook, Health Director

- Chair, Jon Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair, Matt Gagner, made a motion to accept minutes from June 1, 2021. Member, Pete Lancette seconded and all-in favor.
- Shuck Food Truck's appeal was tabled as they could not make it to the meeting.
- The Landfill Mowing bids for the next 2-year contract were opened by Jon Sanborn. There were three companies that sent in quotes. Previously we had gone with the lowest bid, but it was from a company that was far away and really did not know the difficulty of the landfill and they had to pay to have it fixed. Matt would feel more comfortable using a local company that knows the landfill well and will not end up having to pay to fix damage. Jon and Peter agree that it is best to go with BCB landscaping as he knows the job and has always done a good job with it. Gary Magnuson of CMG Environmental is also comfortable with Mr. Burlingame from BCB landscaping. Matt made a motion that we accept the second highest bidder of BCB landscaping to mow the landfill located at 90 Flint Road on a yearly basis. The quote is for \$5000.00 for the first year and \$5000.00 for the second year. Pete second and all in favor.
- There was also an estimate given to the Board from BCB landscaping to fix the damage at the landfill. There was a discussion about the liner and the damage at the landfill. At the last meeting the Board authorized a no larger than \$3500 quote to repair these damages because they were under a time crunch. Now that they have more information about what is involved, they realize that it will cost much more. Matt made a motion to approve the bid of \$6500.00, Peter second, all in favor.
- Cemetery and Gould Road updates was next on the agenda. Jim will reach out to Brian Beck to see if he wants to be a contact person for the residents.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day was discussed. Deb Marquis of the Recycling Committee was in attendance and attended the HHWD on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. We ended up with 69 residents that signed up and 55 people used the vouchers, which is much

better than past HHWD participation from Charlton. It was determined that if we keep the advertisement going like we did this time, that this is a good use of the funds. The recycling committee would like to put more littering signs up around town that have a fine listed on them. Pete suggested that maybe sending information home with the kids from school could be a way to get the word out about HHWD as well.

- School is not in session right now, so no updates with Covid-19 in schools. The Southbridge clinic is moving over to 164 South Street. The Charlton nurses will continue to work at the new clinic location. We applied for a grant to hire a nurse to do contract tracing for Charlton, Brimfield and Auburn.
- Diane Dabrowski was in attendance to speak about her parents', the Capentiers, property at Old Worcester Road. Back in 1995 Russ Turner sent a letter to Mr. Carpentier regarding hazardous materials on his property. See attached letters. In Matt's opinion the dumping of asphalt on the property by the Albanese company was allowed. Diane clarified what happened starting back in 1994. The Town of Charlton asked if they could use Mr. Carpentier's land to store only clean fill and construction trucks on the property during the construction of the water line, but then Albanese started dumping asphalt. Ed Gauthier of the Charlton Hazardous Waste Committee asked Mr. Carpentier to crush and bury the asphalt and was asked to document where he buried it all at the expense of Mr. Carpentier. Mr. Gauthier and the BOH were satisfied with the way the asphalt was crushed and buried, but this letter was never signed off by the DEP. Mr. Gauthier did the work with his equipment. This land is for sale now and a buyer is hesitant to go through with this sale because the DEP had not signed off on this. Matt believes that the Board should write a letter that the Board of Health has reviewed this lot on Old Worcester Road and is satisfied with how the issue was handled and has no other issues with this at this time. Diane stated that someone from the DEP now has to be hired to research this. Mr. Gauthier should have filed this paper with the DEP years ago. Pete suggested that they let the DEP know that the current Board has reviewed this and are satisfied with how it was handled. Jim suggested that we can give them a letter and provide them with the paperwork to show that this was done properly, and the property is okay for sale. The Carpentier's have a list of requests that they would like to compensate for helping out the Town and now not being able to sell their land. This will be given to our Town attorney to review. Matt knows that there are building codes around rubble but does not believe that this is a Board of Health issue. Jim believes that this should be given to the Town Administrator to review as it is out of the Board of Health's hands now.
- PFAS testing is available to Charlton residents. It was put out on the website that residents could reach out to the state and get free testing for PFAS in their private wells.
- Gary Magnuson and Jim had met the DEP at 54 Flint Road, the "old landfill" and they need to discuss getting the money to cap the landfill. The DEP will be sending a letter requesting that the landfill be capped.
- Matt wanted to thank Deb and the Recycling Committee for all of their hard work. Matt and Jon agree that putting up littering signs with fines is a good idea.
- It was decided that the next meeting would be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Health office.
- Matt made motion to adjourn, Pete second all in favor 7:24 p.m.

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