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BOARD OF HEALTH

September 15, 2020

Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair

Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Matthew Gagner, Member

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 August 25, 2020. Member Matt Gagner seconded and all in favor.
- Covid-19 updates was first on agenda. One new case in Charlton this week. Kathleen listened to the MDPH call to local Boards of Health this afternoon. DESE has asked schools to let them know if there is a case of COVID-19 in their schools. They also talked about a mobile response unit for COVID-19 testing. Lots of questions about Halloween. Indoor haunted houses are not allowed at this point. No answers about trick or treating yet. That direction will come from the Governor. Marshall Arts and Wrestling can be done if they form cohorts.
- DCRSD opens tomorrow remotely. Everyone has worked hard to get things in order.
- Recycling Committee update was next on agenda. Roland Jackson is the Chairman but is unable to attend. Deborah Marquis was in attendance to give updates. There are recycling items available outside the Selectmen's office in the Town Hall. See Kara Hmielowski to purchase these items. The Committee applied for the small-scale initiatives grant from the State and was awarded \$1000.00 for 2020. They bought 2 rain barrels and kitchen composting scrap buckets. They had intended to raffle them, but the events were all canceled due to Covid-19. They have been able to sell one. They have met with Ted's Package Store about curbing the problem of nip bottles that end up all over the streets. They are hoping to revisit this in 2021. Members of the committee joined the sustainability committee to deal with yard waste. They did set up a program to help citizens get rid of Christmas Trees. Also, Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, 2020 At Casella in Southbridge. There was \$3000.00 given to the Board of Health to use for HHWD in FY2020. One hundred \$30.00

vouchers were made available to Charlton residents to use towards this event. The March, 2020 HHWD was cancelled. The vouchers that were picked up for this event can be used on September 26th. A new member, Philly's Hanlon would like to join the Recycling Committee. Matt Gagner made a motion to appoint her, Jon Sanborn second and all in favor. The FY21 budget was approved for \$3000.00 for another 100 vouchers. Deb went around town today and put up flyers about the September 26th, 2020 HHWD. The committee is planning a shredding event for the Spring. Saturday, Sept 19th, 2020 McCurdy's Insurance Company in Sturbridge is having a shredding event. The committee looked into getting a picnic table on the common.

- The topic of decommissioning of wells when connected to municipal water was discussed. Matt thinks that they should deal with it on a case by case basis and not necessarily put anything in well regulations. John agrees with Matt. Jim Philbrook, Health Director, believes that there should be a deed restriction put on any house that decides to keep a well despite the risk of contamination. It was brought up that Cemetery Road and Gould Road need to be added to the list of homes that are connected to municipal water. This has been a topic with Klienfelder and needs to be revisited to get them on the list. Jim will follow up on this.
- Kathleen mentioned a report from DEP that showed that two tests of water at 12 Old Town Road showed no contamination and that no more water tests are required.
- Jim has received many complaints about people not wearing masks. Working on flu clinics. There will be a clinic at the Senior Center, Wednesday, October 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Clinics at the schools will be discussed as well. Parents are being urged to go to their primary care physicians first. The Highway Barn spill RTN number is finally closed out. This is good news for the town.
- Kathleen mentioned that a few people complained that the Board of Selectman met in person and were not wearing masks. Kathleen saw the meeting and they were sitting 6 feet apart. Jim stated that there should be cleaning procedures for after any in person meetings.
- Next meeting will be September 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made motion to adjourn, Matt second, all in favor 6:49 p.m.

