



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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BOARD OF HEALTH

September 29, 2020

Members Present:

Kathleen Walker, Chair

Jon Sanborn, Vice Chair

Matthew Gagner, Member

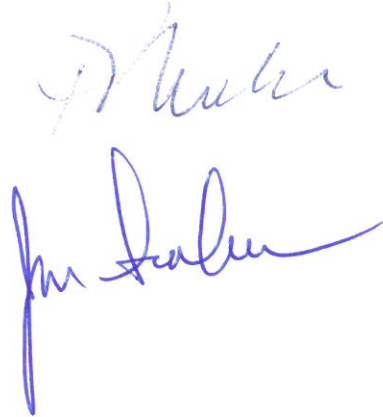
Also Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chair Kathleen Walker called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
- Vice Chair Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept minutes from September 15, 2020. Member Matt Gagner seconded and all in favor.
- First on the agenda was Tobacco Commission update. All stores were inspected by Joan Hamlet, Director of the Leominster Tobacco Region, and there were no violations found in Charlton.
- Covid-19 updates were next. Two new cases in Charlton this week. 111 since the beginning. CDC came out with guidelines for Halloween on 9/21/2020. The activities were separated into low risk, moderate risk and high-risk activities. Kathleen read through some of the suggestions. James Philbrook, Health Director is concerned that if some towns have Trick or Treat and others don't, kids will go to other towns. He thinks that we can have Trick or Treat as long as people follow the guidelines as suggested by CDC and DPH. Town Administrator, Andrew Golas, is recommending that anyone that participates in Trick or Treat follow the guidelines as well. John made a motion to approve Trick or Treat as discussed with proper guidelines, Matt second, all in favor. Kathleen spoke about an idea about jack-o-lanterns on the common. Kids would carve pumpkins and have a contest. The money for the pumpkins would go to a charity.
- Kathleen listened to the MDPH conference call today. There was discussion about the Governor's announcement that any communities that are low risk (not red in last 3 weeks) will move on to Phase 3, step 2. New gathering guidelines indoors and outdoors as well as fitting rooms being opened and recreational activities like trampolines, roller rinks, lazer tag will be open with 50% capacity. Gyms, libraries are also permitted to have 50% capacity as of Monday, October 5th. There was discussion about 14 days

verses 10 days to return to school after getting a positive COVID-19 test. Kathleen mentioned some of the questions that were brought up on the call as well.

- Cleaning the room after Selectmen's meetings was next on agenda. Most meetings are zoom for now. The cleaning wand is used on Wednesday mornings, so this will take care of the cleaning since they meetings are on Tuesdays. They also wipe things down after the meetings. Jim recommends that meetings stay remote.
- Deed Restrictions for people that did not tie into municipal water when it was offered to them was discussed. Matt Gagner said that we are looking for a list of people that may not want to tie in so that we can look at this on a case by case basis. The deed restriction would be to protect perspective buyers of the homes. This should be kept on the agenda. It should be Exxon/Mobile well decommission.
- Jim said that there have been lots of housing inspections lately. Lots of complaints about masks and gatherings. The office logs all complaints. Jim is concerned about HVAC report that came in last night.
- Next meeting will be October 20th at 6:00 p.m.
- Jon made motion to adjourn, Matt second, all in favor 6:52 p.m.



Matt Gagner
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