

BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 7:00 PM
Remote Participation

- 7:00 Community Input
- 7:05 COVID-19 – Community Status; Clinic Report (McGean)
- 7:20 Recreation Commission – Dog Park Planning (request to continue)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- PH 114 Rutland Street – request to continue
- Master Plan Comments
- FY23 Budget Preparation – Finance Committee Meeting Report
- Minutes 12/7/22, 1/4/23
- Administrative Report

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting agenda lists all topics reasonably anticipated by the Board of Health at the time of posting. Additional topics not anticipated may be discussed at the meeting under the agenda item New Business.

Meeting Dates - 1/24/23 Special Meeting

Attendance members: Tony Mariano Chairman, Jean Barry, Patrick Collins, David Erickson, Cathy Galligan

Attendance nonmembers: Linda Fantasia Health Agent, Tricia McGean RN, Nathalie McCarthy (Mosquito, recording), David Model (Select Board), Linda Taylor

1. Community Input

Tony Mariano called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Linda Taylor introduced herself as a Carlisle Resident and said that she understands the BOH looks after the safety and health of town residents. She said that many doctors are calling for a halt to Covid 19 vaccines, especially for anyone under age 60. Taylor noticed that the BOH sponsored a clinic and she is concerned because there have been comments about getting as many people vaccinated as possible. She is concerned that there are many side effects that we have not listed on the web site and that over vaccinating may in fact degrade over all immune response. She continued that we have been diligent in counting the number of cases and she noted that there were no deaths from Covid in 2020.

Mariano thanked Taylor and clarified that we take community input under advisement but we do not engage in a dialog during community input, he continued that we would consider the

concern on vaccine safety at future meetings. Barry added that the medical community is looking into this and she advises her patients on a personal basis; people should always discuss medical issues with their own doctor.

2. COVID-19

McGean reported that we had a Covid/Flu vaccine clinic on January 9, 2023. The clinic offered primary, secondary series or bivalent boosters and regular and high dose flu vaccines. 57 Covid and 27 flu vaccines were administered.

McGean said that we are seeing a bump in Covid cases but not a surge. There have been 45000 hospitalizations nationally of people largely in the 60–70-year-old age range. Variant XBB.1.5 is responsible for about 75% of the cases in Massachusetts over the last 2 weeks and about 40% of the cases in the US. This Flu season has seen about 24 million Flu cases, 260000 hospitalizations, and 16000 deaths versus only 9 million Flu cases, 10000 hospitalizations, and 5000 deaths during the last Flu season, strongly suggesting that the precautions to prevent Covid transmission also helped prevent Flu transmission.

90% of all Covid deaths have been in people aged 60 or older.

In Massachusetts, 40% of the population has had the Flu vaccine.

Fantasia notes that there are currently no plans for another vaccination clinic..

3. Recreation Commission - Dog Park Planning (request to continue)

The Recreation Commission is requesting a continuance of the Dog Park. Mariano asked if there is a time frame and Fantasia said they would like to cost it out and present it to us and then start implementing the plan.

4. Public Hearing 114 Rutland Street requesting a continuance

The owners of 114 Rutland Street request to continue their hearing. Fantasia said that the design engineer will be doing more soil testing and investigating the financial impacts of moving well. The testing will be on February 8 but they have not yet provided a pump out schedule. They did ask if the BOH would consider waiving any fees due to the elderly status of the couple. Galligan replied that as treasurer we do not have that option as we need to pay for engineering and other expenses and just do not have the budget. Galligan did note that there are funds to assist people with financial needs. This was recently expressed by a former Selectman who was unsure whether funds would be through the Council on Aging, but our 53E account cannot pay for it. In any case, Galligan expressed that we need a pumping schedule and without that we might need them to convert to a tight tank, which would be another expense.

Lars Greene may submit a new design but that will not be available until late February or March.

Fantasia will ask about funding options at the next Residents Services meeting and follow-up with Lar Greene about the pumping schedule, as well as mentioning to him that there may be a possibility of alternate funding.

5. Master Plan Comments

There was extensive discussion of Master Plan, please see the document "Copy Of Master Plan Workshop - December 2022 Edits Tm Cg Jb Lmf comments.xlsx". Hopefully, many of the comments will be incorporated into future drafts. If people would like more detail, please let the recorder know and I can expand these notes.

6. FY24

Mariano says Gines and Fantasia have been documenting our everyday work and evaluating how we can make adjustments to ensure that essential work is handled. In future budgeting we will provide a better idea of the risks of insufficient funding. Model commented that this came up for comment at the Selectboard, especially about providing clinics when we are close to CVS and Walgreens who also provide vaccinations. Barry said that we have discussed that at BOH meetings. It was noted that the clinics are provided at no cost to the town, that they are handled by a professional organization, and that we have received significant positive responses with many people appreciating the convenience. .

7. Minutes for 12/7/22, 1/4/23

Galligan moved to approve the minutes of 12/7/22 as amended; Barry seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

After discussion of the minutes of 1/4/23, Galligan moved to approve the minutes of 1/4/23 as amended; Barry seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

8. Administrative reports—see below.

9. Adjourn

Barry moved to adjourn, Galligan seconded and we adjourned at 21:52, next meetings 1/24/23, 2/8/23, and 2/22/23.

Respectfully submitted,
David Erickson,
Recorder

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
January 18, 2023**

Garrison Place – 11/19/22 and 11/28/22 FAST sampling results. Waiting to hear back from SWSS.

846 Bedford Road Accessory Apartment – Title 5 Permit issued 1/17/23. Applicant working with Stamski & McNary to revise the location of the AA which will also require a revised septic plan.

Fern’s Country Store – Alex Rubin, town counsel, will attend the meeting on 1/24/23. We need to confirm that Matt Herweck and Joel Frisch (Northeast GeoScience) will attend; also checking with Kristin Divris (DEP).

COVID Clinic 1/9/23 – see AAR.

Annual Report – due 3/10/23

114 Rutland Street – request continuance in order to do additional soil testing (TBD); no pump out schedule submitted yet.

27 Old East Street (AA) – new design under review.

Master Plan Implementation - Receive feedback from Boards and Committees by January 20th.

What we are asking of you:

Please review the assignments and make suggestions to include:

- 1.) The relevance of the item assigned to you
- 2.) Items not assigned to you that you feel ownership for
- 3.) Resources needed to take on these recommendations
- 4.) Potential obstacles
- 5.) Success stories or work completed!

Ongoing Projects

PFAS Resources
Bi-annual well testing
Licensing Private Haulers
Sanitary Sewer Overflows procedures