

BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 7:00 PM
Remote Participation

7:00 Community Input

7:05 COVID-19 – updates

7:15 Town Meeting Updates (tentative)

7:30 Recreation Commission – Dog Park Warrant Article

7:45 COVID Guidance – discussion with Carlisle School Administration

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Benfield – status report
- Daisy Gasoline Station Monitoring Well Results
- Minutes: 4/6/22
- Administrative Reports

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.

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

Attendance nonmembers: Fantasia Health Agent, Wayne Davis (Town Moderator), Michael Joseph, Drew McMorrow (Recreation Commission)

1. Community Input

At 19:00 Mariano opened the meeting—there was no community input.

2. COVID-19 community status

Tricia McGean PHN is on vacation. As of Monday, there were twenty-four cases in Carlisle over the last 7 days (31 from April 1 to tonight). Concord had forty and Lincoln had three cases for the last week, undoubtedly due to the new variant. We received ninety test Rapid Antigen Test Kits from the school and 100 KN95 masks from MEMA. Only four residents have picked them up so far. We will hold onto them if they are not used. Barry said that hospitalizations are holding steady at 18 cases at Lowell General and many were incidental to other admissions. McGean has said that most cases are very mild.

3. Town Meeting Update

Davis wanted to check in to ensure we feel comfortable with the COVID plans for Town Meeting. Mariano said nothing has changed that would cause us to revisit this, it sounds like everything is on track. Erickson said he likely acquired COVID at a conference and expressed concerns that it is very easy to acquire, he was also concerned that people were being reinfected with Omicron, but Barry said that a Denmark study showed that was unlikely and that Omicron seems to be mild for most people.

Davis said that Barry will bring in two air filters and Fantasia said she will bring one from the BOH.

4. Recreation Commission – Dog Park Warrant Article

Drew McMorrow reiterated that a 2018 had subcommittee on dogs recommended that the Recreation Committee explore building a dog park, especially since the soccer field was being used as a de facto dog park and dog feces were not being properly collected. Rec Com has since explored this possibility and found the Stanton Foundation would finance 90% of the \$300,000 cost of a dog park, this would mean the town would have to pay \$30,000 for the dog park plus yearly maintenance of \$5,000-\$6000. There was considerable discussion about this, there was concern about whether this was an appropriate use of the Banta Davis land, but the School Committee is in favor of the dog park. There was also concern about whether this was the best use of town money, with McMorrow pointing out that Community Preservation Act funds would be used to pay for it.

Finally, **Barry moved that we support the warrant article for the dog park; Erickson seconded the motion, which was then approved with 3-1 with Galligan opposed.**

5. COVID Guidance – discussion with Carlisle School Administration

The discussion with the school administration has been postponed since McGean and Superintendent O'Shea were not able to attend. If it is still desired, it will be on our next agenda.

6. Benfield – status report

As of Monday, CAQ Engineering Associates, Inc. has done some initial work with Frado on site for half a day and CAQ has been in routine communication with Frado. There is still no written agreement with the Carlisle Housing Trust stating that the cost of Frado's time will be covered by Housing Trust-controlled funds. Nor is there a signed agreement between CAQ and the Carlisle Housing Trust or a Permission to Access Contract with NOAH.~~on the east.~~ Kate Reid did tell Mariano that she is in full support and recognizes that Frado's costs are part of the project, although the BOH would still like to see it in writing and would also like to see CAQ's agreement.

Reid would like us to copy her attorney on our communications on this. The installer did get in touch about access to property last Friday and Fantasia received an email from Phil Giffie, NOAH Executive Director that work should go forward. The installer was given the go-ahead based on Giffie's statement and lest the installer move on to his next job, delaying Benfield by 3 months. Mariano asked Fantasia to prepare a memo about what is needed by whom and when.

7. Daisy Gasoline Station Monitoring Well Results

Mariano tried to look through the lab reports of the monitoring wells located at Center Park and said it would be good to have a narrative of the work being done. The monitoring wells are part of the Daisy Gasoline Station remediation activity. Results showed there is still some residual contamination, while MTBE contamination spreads quickly, it also dissipates quickly. The State did some source removal and because of the financial inability of the Daisy family to do a complete clean up, they allowed for monitoring every 5 years. The State was unable to remove contaminated material under the road or the foundation of the old

building, which is now Fern's Country Store. Therefore, there are still some contaminated soils acting as continuing source. With ground water fluctuations flushing out contaminants, it could take one hundred years to meet drinking water standards. Fantasia said that there were ten affected properties, and some have maintained their filtration systems. In past years, the BOH was doing biannual well testing in the center but has not done so in the last few years due to COVID. BOH should consider re-testing the town center wells again. Mariano said that there are no lead problems (in response to Erickson asking about tetraethyl lead) but there are the aforementioned contaminants as well as salt contamination, both the from the DWP salt storage problem and from road runoff. Fern's next 5-year report is due in January 2023.

8. Minutes 4/6/22

Galligan moved to approve the 4/6/22 minutes as amended. Barry seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

9. Administrative Reports

See below.

10. PFAS conference

Erickson gave a brief report on the PFAS conference—he will write up a more complete report later.

11. Adjourn

Barry moves to adjourn, Galligan seconded, and approved unanimously. Adjourned at 20:43. Next meetings are set for 5/4/22 and 5/18/22

Respectfully submitted,
David Erickson,
Recorder

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
April 20, 2022

Town Meeting/COVID – BOH has ninety test kits (compliments of the school) and 100 KN95 masks available in the office for registered voters.

TimberNook – program is before the Select Board on 4/19/22. They appear to meet the definition of a camp and would need to be licensed by the BOH. No application has been made.

Clark Farm – proposing to prepare and serve wood-fired pizzas on site. This would require a change in their Permit. They want to discuss this after their opening on 5/5/22.

Ferns Country Store – Advisory Letter sent 4/20/22. Inspection 4/13/22 – no violations. Report with recommendations pending.

PFAS – submitted a project to Great Meadows Public Health Coalition for the new hire Epidemiologist to analyze Carlisle data, do some field investigation with households, look for linkages, research health risks, advise on further testing, mitigation, local policies, and prepare information for residents.

Transfer Station Motor Oil Tank – Town (not BOH) to apply for a Hazardous Waste Permit for cleaning and disposal of the oil tank; Transfer Station Committee will manage under the Town Administrator.

WoodWard Village – tanks inspected 4/13 and 4/20. Still waiting for Financial Agreement to be signed by WV. \$4000 second deposit received.

Hazardous Waste Collection – no plans yet; will place press release in Mosquito.

Ongoing Projects

- PFAS Presentation
- Hazardous Waste Collection
- Large Development Compliance
- Operations and Maintenance Template