

BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes for Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 7:00 PM
In Person Participation

7:00 Board Recognition – Kris Gines, Jean Barry
Welcome – New Board Member Jenn Wall
Board Re-organization
Minutes of 5/3/23
Administrative Reports

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Voluntary Well Testing - Update
- Accessory Apartment Guidelines – continued discussion
- Benfield Farms FAST System – Update
- Technical Assistance Grant – Daisy Gasoline Station
- Board Staffing Discussion

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 - TBD – Summer Schedule
Upcoming Dates –

Attendance members: Tony Mariano Chairperson, Patrick Collins, David Erickson, Cathy Galligan, Jennifer Wall

Attendance nonmembers: Linda Fantasia Health Agent, Kris Gines Assistant Agent, Natalie McCarthy (Carlisle Mosquito), Dana Booth

1. Recognition/New members.

Mariano opened the BOH meeting at 7:01pm, he welcomed Jennifer Wall as a new member of the board, noting that she played a key role on the Covid Task Force. Jennifer said she is excited to be here.

Fantasia noted that the Covid Task Force will probably disband and that Jean Barry will not continue with the Lyme Disease task force. The BOH does continue to have a Lyme Disease web site which Galligan suggested renaming because of the importance of other tick-borne diseases and Mariano suggested that it cover mosquitos as well (Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, etc.).

Since Kris Gines is leaving this will be her last meeting. The Board will miss her, she has been invaluable over the past 5 years. Kris says she will be around so we hope to see her from time

to time. Fantasia asked whether the board would be willing to let Kris review resumes, there were no objections from the board.

2. Election of officers

Mariano has been Chair for 3 years and felt it was time to pass the baton, although he was willing to continue serving as Vice Chair.

Wall moved that we elect Patrick Collins as Chairperson, Tony Mariano as Vice chair, and Cathy Galligan as treasurer. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Minutes of 5/3/23

Galligan moved to approve the amended minutes of 5/3/23. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Administrative report (See Below)

Galligan asked about conclusions from the Center monitoring well testing done by Cushing Jammallo & Wheeler (3 wells at Center Park). Mariano said that there were no conclusions and said that we need to get the results from all the monitoring wells, including the Ferns monitoring wells. Mariano has not seen these results. Fantasia said that we did get the results and it was a very large package. They are doing a 5-year review and will be providing conclusions in conjunction with that. Mariano would like to see real time data; it is important to know the health of the aquifer. The DEP requires a 5-year review but we should be copied on the sample results for all the samples. Wall asked if we have a responsibility for Fern's water. Mariano said their water is a transient public water supply well which is regulated by the state, we have a say in it but it is the state's responsibility. Mariano continued that the ground water is our concern. We created a water quality subcommittee in the early 90s. The State DEP removed soil as part of a remediation effort for the Daisy property but could not dig out what was under the old garage building and under the road so it is monitored every 5 years. Fantasia later said that Carlisle could apply for a technical assistance grant of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to go over the remediation report.

5. Old Home Day

The BOH will have a table from 10:30 to 1 or 2. We will have an MRC Coordinator and McGean will do blood pressure readings. We will also put together information for the public.

6. Hauler Regulations

The regulations were sent to Town Counsel and their recommendations were received. The next step will be to advertise a public hearing, Regulations could become effective July 1st, which is also when the Select Board transfer station regulations would go into effect.

7. Housing complaints

Fantasia has had 2 complaints in the past week. One involves a private residence and she will work with McGean on that; there will probably be an inspection of the property sometime next week. There has also been a structural complaint about Benfield Farms (leaking roof), Fantasia will probably meet with Mal Nelson next week.

8. Accessory Apartment Guidelines – continued discussion

There is a lack of understanding that AA permits terminate upon transfer of property to a new owner. New owners are not aware that they need to reapply for the AA permit and a number of existing AAs do not have the proper permit in place. It would be beneficial for a small group of Planning Board and BOH representatives meet to discuss AA considerations with the possibility of a zoning bylaw change for Fall Town Meeting.

9. Benfield update

Fantasia said that Benfield has some issues with the public water supply. SWSS is working with DEP; SWSS asked for and received an extension to resolve the problem. They are mostly dealing with administrative issues. Nitrates were due for sampling in the first quarter but it is unclear if this was done.

Mariano would like to see testing prefilter rather than post filter and would like to ensure that nitrates have been tested and that the BOH has the results.

Fantasia heard from Mel Nelson who was not able to attend. They have contracted with Kent Oakfield's company for the FAST system. Fantasia asked for a timetable and would like to see a copy of the agreement for the next meeting, including the sampling schedule, what Oldfield is monitoring, and results. Fantasia asked Mal if he had been keeping an eye on the system and he said he had been away for a while.

10. Health

McGean is doing "Stop the Bleed" training at town hall and is trying to get DPW workers to attend. There are 17 signed up for the Mental Health First Aid training at the town hall. The Academic Public Health Corps (administered by MHOA) will pay a stipend to graduate students who are interested in working in public health. The BOH may be assigned a summer intern from this program who could work remotely on key projects, such as PFAS or multi-family housing.

11. Board Staffing

There was considerable discussion about replacing Kris Gines. Both Fantasia and Kris had to deal with vaccination web sites, planning and running clinics, and emergency preparedness. Emergency preparedness is a big issue, one which we hope Jennifer Wall will be able to help with. Kris' position was an important one and we need much more than just an administrative assistant. High quality resumes are coming in from college students in relevant majors to assist with office-based duties during the summer.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33, next meetings 6/21/23 and 7/19/21 at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
David Erickson,
Recorder

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
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Ferns Country Store –

- have not heard from the new deli owner – or if the property has transferred. Still operating under Matt Herweck’s Permit.
- Monitoring Wells sampled by Cushing Jammallo & Wheeler

Old Home Day – 6/24/23; BOH will have MRC Coordinator and Tricia McGean PHN at the table.

Hauler Regulation – town counsel suggestions on final draft; BOH to advertise Public Hearing in June; effective date 7/1/23.

Housing Complaint – initiating contact with occupant of private residence following trash complaint; Benfield Farms – working with Building Inspector on recent structural complaints

Well Testing – Cathy is preparing a spreadsheet; demand low so far.

Multi-Family Compliance – Laurel Hollow and Rocky Point under new management; sending last tracking reports (2017)

Stop the Bleed (6/6/23) and Mental Health First Aid (5/31/23) at town hall; spots still open.

Summer Interns – 4 excellent resumes; Ad will run one more week in Mosquito

Vacation Schedule – LMF 6/14-6/16; 7/3-7/7;

Ongoing Projects
PFAS Resources