

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, July 14, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Remote Participation**

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- 7:00            Welcome New Board Members
- Dave Erickson
  - Patrick Collins
- Board Organization  
Minutes 6/8/21
- 7:30            295 Hanover Road – Request for Deed Restriction for Addition

**Discussion Items**

- Tick Borne Disease
  - Prevention
  - Tick Testing
- FY22 Contracts
  - Engineering
  - Emerson Home Care
- Public Health Excellence Grant
- Benfield Farms – Status Report

*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.*

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*Attendance members:* Tony Mariano Chairman, Jean J Barry, Patrick Collins, David Erickson, Catherine Galligan  
*Attendance nonmembers:* Linda Fantasia Health Agent, Kris Gines Asst. Health Agent.

**New Board Members**

Patrick Collins and David Erickson were welcomed to the board. Board members then spent a few minutes introducing themselves with several members having extensive experience with many of the issues that come before the board.

**Board Organization**

Mariano was willing to remain Chairman and Galligan was willing to remain treasurer, although she does not plan on seeking another term on the board next year. David Erickson was nominated to serve as vice-Chairman; Collins moved to continue with Mariano as Chairman and Galligan as treasurer, the motion was amended to include Erickson as vice-chairman—the motion was then approved unanimously.

**Minutes**

Minutes from 11/04/2019 were tabled; the minutes from 5/26/21 were approved with Galligan’s edits and changes to be made by Fantasia; other minutes were tabled for future meetings.

**295 Hanover Road**

The applicant has withdrawn their request for a deed restriction.

**Tick Borne Diseases**

Fantasia reported that a resident contracted Powassan virus disease and reached out to notify the BOH. While the Carlisle BOH should have been notified through MAVEN, that did not happen. Linda notified Dr. Catherine Brown, MDPH State Epidemiologist of the system failure and Dr. Brown is working on a resolution. Powassan is usually considered a rare disease, with 39 cases reported in Massachusetts from 2013-2020, however, it is not clear whether it is truly rare or just rarely reported as many cases may be asymptomatic or mild. The resident reported that he

removed an attached tick in March and was treated with doxycycline. When symptoms continued, it took Massachusetts General over 4 weeks to diagnose the disease and in the meantime the resident developed encephalitis. Prevention recommendations are the same as for all other tick diseases. Mariano thought next steps such as outreach and education would be better handled by the Lyme subcommittee. Fantasia will get in touch with the resident to see if he is interested in being interviewed for the Mosquito. Barry will do some research to give the Mosquito important facts.

Fantasia brought up whether Carlisle should subsidize the testing of ticks and Galligan moved that we allocate \$750 from the Community Chest grant to subsidize \$25 (of the \$50 cost) for testing ticks. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Engineering and Nursing Contracts**

Galligan moved to accept Frado's proposal for a 3-year contract at a rate of \$135/hour (versus the current rated of \$125/hour). This works out to about a 2.6%/year increase and seems in line with current engineering rates. The new contract was approved unanimously.

There was more discussion on the Emerson Home Care contract, with Public Health Nursing (PHN) follow up on cases reported in MAVEN increasing from \$50/hour to \$90/hour (an 80% increase). It was explained that the cost of Covid-related support had been significantly underestimated last year. In any case, the contract only applies when Carlisle chooses to use Emerson Home Care, so Galligan moved to accept the contract, Barry seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Benfield Farms status**

Mariano summarized the Benfield septic problems to bring Collins up to speed. Collins indicated that since he is a neighbor of Benfield Farms that he will recuse himself from any decisions. Mariano doubts that they will have a plan by 7/28 since Frado will be on vacation for a week he has not yet received anything. They have incorporated Shanahan's concepts and are doing a new design; they would like Shanahan's help with the design, but Mariano thinks that is inappropriate. Frado has reported that he is concerned with the results of the testing he is seeing. Fantasia asked if she should get in touch with Peter Shanahan and have him stand by to look at the new testing. Galligan said we must set up a new contract, but Fantasia says she will just extend his current contract. Fantasia said Shanahan was happy to hear that they were moving the system to the south.

### **PFAS**

Fantasia reported that a number of residential water supplies in Carlisle tested over 20 ppt for PFAS. PFAS results at the town hall were 38ppt and the library results were over 90 ppt: a level considered an imminent health hazard. The Library has put plastic over all the faucets, the Congregational church also has high levels. We missed the deadline for the first-round state grants for mitigation but there is a second-round deadline in October--Fantasia will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Covid**

Since April there have been 11 cases in Carlisle. One person was 49 and another 20 years old, but all other cases have been in the young (age 1, 9, etc.). There were 2 cases in one household.

### **Adjourn**

Next meeting will be on 7/28 and Aug 11,2021. The next meeting will continue to be on zoom.

Barry moved to adjourn, Galligan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Erickson,  
Recorder