

Westhampton Board of Health Meeting
Saturday October 2, 2021

Attending: Thomas Martin (TM), Robbie Arment (RA), Katch Bacheller (KB)
Call to order 9:28am

Review of Minutes previous meeting

Note that Charlene Bishop was not in attendance and that error corrected.

Motion to approve (KB), Seconded (RA) (TM Abstain)

Unanimous vote - passed

Green Cemetery Update

TM reported on 9/16/21 there was a site meeting with concerned parties and Kestrel to view 5 deep hole excavations exploring stratigraphy of the site which was found to be mostly porous outwash lenses with no disturbance, mining, dumping, or other disturbances which is ideal.

Water table is between 7-30 feet - again ideal.

Additional discussion of secondary tributary for water supplies in surrounding area that is not an issue. Additional meetings re: zoning etc. and reports from Alan Weiss (?) forthcoming.

This will stay on the BOH agenda - close discussion

Foothills Health District update

Foothills Health District Is Continuing to monitor the pandemic: Discussion

1. Public Health Nurse (PHN) will continue to monitor in MAVEN all cases and breakthrough cases relating to the COVID virus

2. The PHN will inform the Boards of any situation (s) requiring the Board of Health's attention.

3. The PHN can be called on by the Boards at any time. - close discussion

Discussion: Letter from Barbara Pelissier re ARPA GRANT.

Discussion - CONCLUSION;

The Board of Health will explore with Town Officials the need to prepare for the next public health crisis and infrastructure/office/meeting/HIPPA compliant (locking) space with EMT/EMF/FIRE in the Public Safety Building.

Tom Martin to broach subject 10/12/21 meeting. Close discussion.

PFAS - "Forever Chemicals"

RA well was tested by MA for their pilot initiative re PFAS plastics and chemicals in water and her water tested clean with none detected.

The Board of Health is looking forward to the DPH report on emergent pollutants in "forever plastics" in the broader region.

Next Meeting Saturday, October 30, 2021 9:00am - we will try for an outdoor meeting - if it has to be indoors masking is required.

Motion to adjourn (TM) - Seconded (RA) - unanimous - adjourned 10:38am

