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## Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for July 19, 2022, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 4

Attendees: Eric Mueller, Chairman; Arthur Borden, Member; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent

Absent:

Meeting called to order, by Mr. Mueller at 5:00 PM

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### Public Hearings:

None tonight.

### Discussion:

- Plymouth Street Area connection updates – Mr. Forgue –

At this time, we have 15 lines installed. We have about 7 meters installed and 4 homes on Hines Ave connected. In the end, there will be about 20 connected. We are holding off on the more difficult ones; two will need a live tap (170 and 154 Plymouth Street) and will probably be the last to be done.

I reached out to Bruce Haskell and Luke Fabbrie to ask them to provide the Board with a letter that states clearly and concisely, with reasons, why people need to abandon their wells. About one year ago when they did the original study, there were a couple that may have been ok but that was before PFAS became an issue. It will be a recommendation letter to the Board to not allow the continued use of the wells. He will provide the letter to me by the end of the week, I will then distribute to the Board Members.

Dan Demers, 9 Hines Ave – Mr. Forgue and I had this discussion the other day. Was it mandated by the State? You said it was mandated by the State. Mr. Forgue – That is what I believe. This letter will codify that. The state puts that out there but they won't state/follow through on it, instead they put it back on the local Board of Health. Mr. Demers – The woman I spoke with stated that she wasn't sure who was responsible. I would like the well for washing car, camper, lawn. Is it safe? Mr. Forgue – That's the issue. We don't know what else will come up. The 1,4 dioxane is supposed to be okay, just don't drink it. However, PFAS is now an issue. What's next? The recommendations that I have been getting from engineers, a geologist, etc. are that we should not take the chance. Mr. Demers – So they will make the recommendation and you as a Board will mandate? Mr. Mueller – Yes, that is correct. Mr. Demers – When you receive the letter, everyone will be notified? Mr. Forgue - Yes. It's helpful that it will be across the board.

People that I have been talking to are happy to have a public water supply without the water system to deal with. Mr. Demers – Yes, water systems are expensive. Mr. Callis – Will we be notifying residents by mail? Mr. Forgue – I am actually going house to house. Prior to that, I will be distributing the letter. They can ask questions to Bruce Haskell or Luke Fabbrie who is a Licensed Site Professional/Geologist. Mr. Demers – The official decision comes from you? Mr. Forgue – Yes. If you don't completely abandon the use of that ground water, DEP may come back and say that those wells need to continue to be monitored. The final step will be to decommission all of the wells.

- Excellence Grant update –

Mr. Forgue – The Town has received their share of the initial grant (\$199K/5 Towns). The distribute based on population. The five Towns are Plymouth, Wareham, Kingston, Carver and Plympton. We received \$20K and it was put in the General Fund to repay some Covid expenses. It really wasn't that much work; maybe 6-8 hours of my effort. Two weeks after submission we received the check. We have been meeting once every 2 weeks. The committee has decided, based on the needs assessment, to pursue the Public Health Nurse. Within the next week or so, they will be putting out the need for that position. Once that nurse is available, everyone has the ability to secure services. I would like to be able to do that with grant money, to get us back on board with what the COA was doing. If we ever get a surge, we have someone to reach out to. Mr. Callis – Would this be an employee for the Town of Plymouth? Mr. Forgue – No, once selected, we will need to set the ground work. Carver and Plympton are smaller towns, we may need the nurse for 50 hours per year. Would that be enough time for blood pressure clinics? Once that position is filled, the Towns will have to work together; it is an evolving process. The man who is spearheading this is from the Mass Health Office – Every time he speaks he talks about how much money is still out there. The way the grant is right now, we would be in line for our percentage of \$300K, which would be about \$50K.

- Post Addiction and Mental Health Support –

Mr. Forgue – LGBTQ resource – Is the Board okay with it being put on our website? The Board is all in support of that.

- Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman, 48 hours in advance of the meeting –

Mr. Forgue –

- I was contacted after a Planning Board Meeting. A Site Plan was being reviewed, with revisions be requested by the Planning Board. I was initially concerned as to why the Planning Board was handling it as it was something in our jurisdiction. It turns out that they never filed a plan with us. They didn't file as the number of changes being made on the Site Plan would have required them to send many revisions. The Conservation Commission had approved the site plan including the well locations. Con Com will be reviewing tomorrow and sending a letter. I think we should do that as well; it is under our jurisdiction and should go through us. The Board is in agreement that a letter needs to be sent and agreed to have Mr. Forgue send that letter.
- Arbovirus Surveillance program. 2,473 samples were tested, only one positive for West Nile and zero EEE. Mr. Mueller – Where was the sample taken? Mr. Forgue – This is all of the counties combined. It doesn't specify where the one positive test was.

### Other Business:

#### **Minutes – June 21, 2022**

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 21, 2022, as written: Mr. Borden  
Second: Mr. Callis*

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

**Correspondence:**

**Next meeting date:**

Our next meeting will be August 23, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. [SEP]

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn at 5:32 PM: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Callis  
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*