Belchertown Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 3, 2019 at 7:30 PM  
Lawrence Memorial Hall

**Present:** Roger Bonsall, Hope Guardener, Dana Burton, Leeanne Connolly and Jim Potter  
**In-Attendance:** Judy Metcalf, Director, Mary Grenier, Recording Secretary

H. Guardener opened the meeting at 7:35 PM. H. Guardener welcomed newly elected Board members, Leeanne Connolly and Jim Potter. L. Connolly worked as Belchertown Conservation Administrator for over twenty years and has worked closely with the Health Department. J. Potter is currently a sought after Realtor in Belchertown and has a background in construction. Both new members will be an asset to the Board of Health.

R. Bonsall motioned to have H. Guardener Chairperson and D. Burton as Vice Chair. Both members accepted nomination. L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

**154 Amherst Road 1-6 Cedar Woods Apartments:** Local Upgrade Request: reduction in separation between the SAS and high groundwater from 5’ down to 3’. A Presby Environmental system will be used. George and Betty Adams, Owner, Joyce Hoffman, Apartment Manager and Keith Terry from Sherman & Frydryk were present. Mr. Adams is selling the apartment building and had a Title V inspection done. The inspection showed that the system was in failure. K. Terry explained to the Board that Cedar Woods apartments are a Public Water Supply (PWS) and his design does not encroach the 164’ to the well. This address has had three septic repairs in the last 34 years. There is not much room left for a new SAS. The design with the Presby system is smaller than what is currently there. J. Metcalf acknowledged this is a difficult parcel, not much they can do. They currently have a pressure dosing system, this repair will have it back to a gravity fed system. R. Bonsall motioned to approve a 3’ reduction in separation between the SAS and high groundwater instead of the required 5’ to George Adams at 154 Amherst Road building 1 through 6. There is no reasonable alternative then what was presented. L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

Carol Griffith of 212 Rockrimmon Road asked the Board if she could address a concern she has been having with a neighbor at 6 Green Avenue. Ms. Griffith did not have an appointment. The Board recognized Ms. Griffith. Ms. Griffith told the Board that she has not been able to enjoy being outside on her property for some time. According to Ms. Griffith the Owner of 6 Green Avenue has 4 horses, 3 ponies and 2 pigs on 1 acre of property. The smell from this is very bad. Ms. Griffith does not believe Owner is following any of the recommendations J. Metcalf has sent to her regarding proper manure management back in June 2018. Ms. Griffith said she also believes that 6 Green Ave. is boarding horses. J. Metcalf gave the Board some background on the issue. Belchertown zoning by-laws are very vague when it comes to the keeping of livestock. §145-24 Breeding, raising or keeping of animals, does not say how many animals can be kept, only that you need a minimum of 40,000 square feet. Ms. Griffith needs to have Zoning Enforcement Officer, Paul Adzima, look into this. Mr. Adzima then needs to write a letter stating whether there is a violation or not. From there either party can appeal his decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals. R. Bonsall recommended Ms. Griffith put her concerns in writing and address it to Paul Adzima, Belchertown ZEO. R. Bonsall asked J. Metcalf to discuss with Doug Albertson, Town Planner, and see if the Planning Board can look into changing the current by-laws.
R. Bonsall motioned to appoint the following:

- Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.  
- Finn McCool  
- Scott Siege, MD  
- Carrie Latulippe, RN, BSN  
- Colleen Toothill-Berte  
- Terry Rothwell  
- Betty Barlow  
- Mary Grenier  
- David Fredenburg, Jr.  
- Charles Lyndon, Jr.

Director of Public Health  
Health Inspector  
Physician Advisor to the Board  
Public Health Nurse  
Burial Agent  
Asst. Burial Agent  
Administrative Assistant  
Senior Clerk  
Gas & Plumbing Inspector  
Asst. Gas & Plumbing Inspector

D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

J. Metcalf told the Board that the Belchertown public schools will be offering a summer food service program at Chestnut Hill Community School from July 1st through August 9th, 2019. The school food service director, Kelly Slattery, RD, LDN made this possible with a grant and J. Metcalf thanked Ms. Slattery for taking on this program which will benefit a lot of town residents. H. Guardenier said that the program will be using produce from the school garden and the community garden.

Board signed warrant.

R. Bonsall motioned to conditionally approve the minutes of May 15, 2019. There will never be a quorum of Board members that were present due to only three members at that meeting and A. Drawec is no longer a member of the Board. H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

H. Guardenier motioned to adjourn at 8:38 PM L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier

Hope Guardenier, Chairperson

Dana Burton

Roger Bonsall

Leeanne Connolly

Jim Potter