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Board of Health Meeting Town Hall Basement COA Room July 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Open Public Meeting 5:08 pm

Present: Nicholas Chiusano, chair (NC), Charlie Kaniecki, health agent (CK), Elizabeth Massa, clerk (EM), Greg Harrison

Agenda

- Approve last meeting minutes of January 27, 2026 NC motion, all voted and approved
- Reorganization of the Board NC motioned that the board shall stay the same as last FY, Nick, chair, Liz, clerk, Evie asst. clerk (not present) all voted and approved
- New rubbish compactor installation by Maguire Equipment is installed and operating smoothly. Rent is \$400 per month.
- Springfield MRF recycling grant award Grant for brochures and mandatory signage at the transfer station has been awarded to Chester, items will be ready for pickup in Springfield soon.
- Annual Town Employee Review TA Andrew provided this requirement via email to all departments and needs to be done. EM to perform employee reviews this summer as required by the Town of Chester
- School requirement for BOH stipend TRAIN The finance committee voted this year that any elected member of the BOH is to complete the minimal training provided by the state of Massachusetts in order to be paid a stipend each quarter from here on in
- Potluck Food Permits no fee EM discussed that the Potluck Permit option for food permits does not require inspections as they need to be labeled "food not inspected by the BOH" and are labeled with ingredients and are usually baked goods or crock pot meals for small events and usually by non-profit entities. The temporary food permit fee is \$50 and should be waived for potluck events. NC agreed and made a motion that potluck permits will be exempt from fees, all voted and approved.
- One free bag of rubbish at TS in July EM discussed RDP grant points will be awarded if one free bag of rubbish will be allowed at the transfer station each July when residents purchase their annual permit. NC agreed that this would also be a nice perk for residents. Grant points equal dollars back to Chester to be spent on anything recycling the following year. EM motion to provide one free bag of rubbish to residents each year in July, all voted and approved. EM volunteered to make free bag coupons
- Housing List Updates CK reviewed the most recent Housing list as of June 2026 updated June 18, 2026. 10 William condemned house failed septic perc complete waiting on septic plan, 28 Middlefield working on list of conditions, 171 Prospect no activity condemned needs to be boarded up CK to send letter to new owner, 126 133 Middlefield waiting on new owner transfer, 14 Maple septic failed no response CK to send letter, 128 Prospect failed system CK to send letter, 6 Sylvester Hamilton condemned has temp housing permit while re-building ck in Sept for progress, 166 Route 20 condemned no progress after septic failure title V CK to send letter/receivership, 180 Route 20 multiple complaints no

response to Title V order CK to get legal for inspection, 102 Skyline Camp, 55 Sociolo Road abandoned CK to inspect, 0 Round Hill new house construction, 2 Middlefield Road needs COC needs plumbing permit septic not complete failed inspection, 664 Route 20 condemned still working on house, 66 Crane Road needs deed restriction, 126 Skyline needs Title V, 254 Route 20 cease and desist concom, 187 Route 20 failed system waiting on concom, 6 Maple Street failed septic no response go to legal, 111 Lyman new glamping site well and septic permits issued, 0 Campbell new house well and septic permits issued, 31 William perc completed failed septic CK to verify if someone is living there, 15-17 Maple re-inspection abandoned no water no power no response to request for inspection going to legal/receiver, 14 Melvin abandoned waiting on BI, 120 Prospect request for Title V, Sylvester Hamilton Road complaint of camping on lot. NOTE: complete detailed report available by request to BOH at any time to public.

-RDP Grant \$10,000 Cardboard Compactor grant, quotes, timeline to install Bids for the cardboard compactor were reviewed, a minimum of three contractors were asked to provide bids for each aspect of the project including compactor, electrical and concrete. Compactor bids came in from USA (current hauler) and Northeast Compactor. USA did not provide an option to rent/buy a used compactor. Northeast Compactor supplied quote for a used machine for \$14,500 including installation as well as a new one for \$25,500. The cost of the receiver box is \$12,000. Usa price for new was \$36,480 and \$10,420 for a box. EM explained that \$10,000 is the direct award for the cardboard compactor and the rest of the funds are coming from the banked RDP grant money awarded over the last several years. The BOH is trying to fund this project without any deficit and will not go forward if so. NC suggested asking Maguire equipment to provide quotes also, EM stated that they were contacted several times via email with no response but will call and email again tomorrow to see if they can provide pricing for both rental and purchase. Electrical contractors were all contacted and viewed the TS location but only one, Gary Welch provided pricing \$4,618.75. EM to ask Gary if this work is underground and if it includes a permit. Concrete pricing was provided by Comee and Limited Budget with pricing coming in at \$9,800 and \$7,800 for a ten by fifty-foot concrete pad with rebar rated for the machine. EM met with Highway super Chip to review the site work that is need to be done by the town before the concrete can be installed and Chip said he would be able to do it. Waiting on price from one more compactor vendor. NC motion to award compactor/electric to lowest bidder and concrete to Limited Budget.

-Dumpster and Roll off permits by fire dept. NC stated that most towns have the fire dept and building dept. in charge of dumpsters and roll offs. This is different from the trash haulers permit and regulations already in place. EM agreed that the dumpster regulations are already included in building permits for demo. EM will reach out to the fire chief if he would like to pursue dumpster/roll off permits by the FD.

And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting

Public Comment

Meeting will adjourn EM motion to adjourn, all voted and approved 6:40 pm

approved Sept. 9, 2026 E. Marks

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