



MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2020

Members Present via Remote: Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell (left at 6:27 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken for members and staff attending remotely: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault, Dennis Costello, and Melanie Rich.

The Chair announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, the Boylston Board of Health meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

RESIDENT BUSINESS

Compass Pointe – The issue has been the large system. Last month a charcoal vent was put on the Presby system; some odors have dissipated; Dennis is still trying to get to the bottom of the whole venting system. He spoke to Dennis Fogg at Presby, and Laura Usiltin from the FAST system, and emailed John Grenier. Mr. Grenier will provide his as-built plan in order to see how everything is plumbed. Presby and FAST have agreed to have their engineers review the as-built plans (when received).

69 Melrose Street – No one attended the meeting tonight. Letters were sent; all green cards were received. Dennis did an inspection today and spoke with Mrs. Crandall who is the legal owner of the house. She said she did not have internet access. She wants to stay there and wants to contact Dana Johnson, a local builder who offered help in the past, but they did not take it. The board will not take any action until the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes dated July 27, 2020 – John Wentzell made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

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September 28th was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Flu Clinic – Sarah has not heard back from CVS. They expected to be receiving their vaccine around now. She will contact them at the end of the week if they have not contacted her.

Local Initiative Project (40B) at 100 Shrewsbury Street – The Board of Selectmen asked all departments/boards to comment on the proposed site plan for their meeting. Proposed are 81 rental units with 4800 square feet of commercial; septic will have recirculated sand filters and be pressure dosed. Two of the three septics are within 100-feet of the wetlands; our regulations 100-feet. Dennis met with Scot McCubry about the quantity of water; Scott will do some research and will meet with Jay Billings to see what kind of impact the prior building has or will have around Zone 2. Dennis will forward comments to the Board of Selectmen. Jack Wentzell said we can work with them. He also thinks a friendly 40B works with Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, but it doesn't mean that it works with our regulations. Rob said the BOH standards set should hold. It will be put in an email to the BOS to uphold our regulations for the past 25 years. Typically, 40B projects ask for all fees to be reduced or eliminated. The BOH intends to keep our fee schedule intact.

AGENT'S REPORT

CARES Act – It is a funding mechanism used for the ongoing fight with COVID-19. The board spent approximately \$15K in the onset (FY20). Because of upcoming uncertainties in FY21, Sarah emailed the Town Administrator with the board's intent to ask for \$60,000 for administration of vaccines (which will include Influenza as well as COVID should a vaccine be available for the entire town), continued use of the nurse, supplies, contact tracing, surge staffing, and any other expenses that could be related to COVID. This is only a high-level estimate. In response, the Town Administrator sent her a link for more information on the CARES Act and said if we would like her to apply for additional CARES Act funding, she needed the board to break down the expanded public health mission. At the next meeting, the board will prepare the preliminary figures.

COVID-19 Virus Update – The number remains at 23 and includes a younger age group.

COVID-19 Spending for FY21 – Dennis suggested that the board should start to look for more of a public health specialist, a medically related specialist, e.g., nurse or sharing with another town. No one is sure what it will look like in a few years. There will be a huge demand for a regular vaccine. Do we want to bring it back in-house? If so, we will need someone to manage it. We are also looking at EEE, a predicted bad flu season, and COVID-19. It will have to be brought to the Finance Committee. Sarah will do some research and report back.

PLAN REVIEW

Lot 11 Stiles Road (Ansari) – On hold

Lot 12 Stiles Road (Ansari) – Approved

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425 Cross Street (West) – Approved with 3-foot to groundwater offset

9 Miles Avenue (Humphrey) – Approved with 3-foot to groundwater offset

Lot 2A Boulder Way (Rocky Pond Realty Trust) – Approved

199 Linden Street Revised Plan (Stowe) – Recommended approval of a system that is already in the ground. The stone wall and barrier were eliminated in place of more fill which was not part of the original approval; the differences were too big, and Dennis requested they submit a new plan.

John Wentzel made a motion to approve the above five plans as recommend; Robert Thibeault seconded; roll call vote; all in favor; motion approved.

Dennis said two other plans came in: 20 Orient Street and 1 Morningdale Avenue. He did not have enough time to review them and asked the board if he could email them for their approval after his review; the board agreed. Rob Thibeault will abstain from 1 Morningdale Avenue.

Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.