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## **MEETING MINUTES**

July 26, 2021

**Members Present:** Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dennis Costello

**Recorder:** Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated June 28, 2021; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

August 23, 2021 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Beaver Activity (Cyprian's Golf Course) – Dan Brandt recently took over at the golf course. Beavers blocked the culverts on the back of the course and he is looking to get a permit to trap and remove them. Dennis explained that typically a reason would be that it endangers life safety. Mr. Brandt said it is the emergency access to the back side of the course. Rob had no issue granting it if it meets the criteria to issue a ten-day emergency permit based on Dennis' observations. Dennis will meet them tomorrow to see the exact location before issuing it. He said in the long-term they should put a beaver diversion in the culverts.

Compass Pointe – Compass Pointe will be on future agendas for monthly updates.

### **AGENT'S REPORT**

COVID-19 Virus Update/Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update – The defined report has not been received yet, but approximately 15,000 vaccinations were administered. Boylston has a higher than state average for vaccinations.

The Delta virus is going in the wrong direction. The State Department of Public Health will be looking at areas with pockets of infections.

Nurse – We will be building on services for the nurse. Sarah drafted responsibilities for the town nurse. The nurse may possibly be in the COA office.

Approval of the Final IMA Shared Services Agreement – Rob said April was going to reach out to Kristin Black (Northborough Health Agent) to attend. She did attend the Selectmen's meeting with an update. The IMA was reviewed by four town counsels' and the MAHB attorney. It is a three-year agreement that the Selectmen and Chair of the BOH sign and agree to keep in with good standing. John Wentzell made a motion for Rob Thibeault to sign the agreement; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved; contract signed.

Shared Service Software Agreement (Food/Housing) – The contract, in the IMA, is money for software for inspections of housing and food. It will be in conjunction with what we do with the new inspector performing most inspections. We will still have the authority to inspect, fine, etc.; we hold that as a right of the board. The town of Northborough will be the lead agency. They will be responsible for hiring and housing that person and paying them out of the grant. Northborough takes a percentage of the grant; it goes to the town for the administration of the grant for the towns of Northborough, Southborough, Westborough, and Boylston. Westborough has a large inspectional department; they may need more nursing. The end result is that we get three years of nursing for approximately 15 hours/week. The budget for these services is \$132K/year; the inspector will receive \$49K/year; the Grant Administrator will receive \$23K/year. Each town will receive Ipads and cases; nurses will receive laptops; Northborough will receive desktop computers. Coordination is needed for the duties of the nurse.

Robert Thibeault made a motion to designate Sarah Scheinfein as Boylston Board of Health's voting representative to the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health (GBPH); John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to designate Robert Thibeault as Boylston Board of Health's alternate voting representative to the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health (GBPH); John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Each shall have the authority to act on the Board's behalf in all matters pertaining to issues brought before the GBPH.

Dennis said he applied for a grant specific for contact tracing in the event it would be needed again. The state was running a program that didn't have any nursing, but it will be discontinued in September or October. He has not heard if we received it.

Rooster Complaint (Melanie Lombardi) – Dennis said we have had many complaints in the past. The Lombardi's have talked to the neighbor, Marcia Nelson. Janet Lombardi said their life has been negatively affected since day one. Ken Lombardi said the chicken coop abuts their backyard and faces their property. Melanie Lombardi said it starts anywhere from 4AM on, all hours of the day. They cannot open the windows or doors; it disturbs Mr. Lombardi's work, and the ability for them to sit outside; it is a nuisance. Dennis did visit the site. Ms. Lombardi said it is severe which is why they are here. It's no longer a friendly conversation with neighbor. Janet Lombardi lives two houses away and can hear the rooster and said it's noise pollution. Rob said it is a delicate line; the board has no regulations. He said we live in a right to farm community and as a result they can have farm animals on their property. The board is limited to what we can do. Melanie Lombardi asked what their rights are to live in their home and enjoy it. It is one rooster that crows all day long. The neighbor's windows are closed. Sarah suggested that if they can't have a conversation with the neighbor, perhaps they could write a letter and have the

neighbors sign it; explain that they have been to the Board of Health regarding this matter and listened to the complaint. Dennis said very few things add up to a nuisance complaint. A letter will be sent to Ms. Nelson asking her to relocate the rooster; Dennis will also follow up with a telephone call. The Lombardi's will send a letter as well; it's a frustrating matter.

### **PLAN REVIEW**

Lots 1 & 2 Perry Road (CJ&J Consulting) – Approved.

12 Melrose Street (Pierce) – Approved.

383 Linden Street (Engvall) – Approved.

160 Shrewsbury Street (Route 140 RW LLC) Rand-Whitney – Dennis spoke with the engineer; they are going to redesign the system; they had expansions between the trenches which is not allowed.

Comment on Preliminary Subdivision Plan for 500 Main Street (Macione) – The board will comment.

Robert Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.