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## **MEETING MINUTES**

November 8, 2021

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

**Members Absent:** John Wentzell

**Others Present:** Dennis Costello

**Recorder:** Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Review and approve Meeting Minutes dated September 27, 2021 – Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes; Robert Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

December 13, 2021 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Joe McGrath (Compass Pointe) – Mr. McGrath said he is working with the Town Planner in compiling a list the developer needs to do to have the road accepted. He wanted to see what concerns the board had. Dennis said currently we have another ten days for a response to the Enforcement Order that was issued; it has to do with inspections, lack of inspections, and for the covers depicted on the approved plan; however, not installed for various locations within the development. Mr. McGrath asked the status of the shared system. Dennis said there have been issues with odors at times. Mr. McGrath asked to keep himself and/or the Town Planner updated. Progress has been very slow; they may have to call in the bond to get the work done. They are not in compliance with any of the Conservation permits because they have changed the plans. The Commission has asked for as-built plans but they refuse to provide them.

Mark Anttila said people are not wearing masks in the gym. He wants them to wear masks if they are off the court but wear them while playing. He asked if the policy would change or could pickle ball be looked at differently. Rob said the board will take it under consideration.

### **AGENT'S REPORT**

COVID-19 Virus Update – Boylston is getting 3-5 positive cases/week; mostly in the middle age group. The dispatcher at the Police Department is being notified of positive cases. Dennis commented that most of the Greater Boroughs could not have come at a better time because

he is extremely busy; they have dealt with the schools, held flu clinics and booster clinics, and received a great deal of help from the Fire Department.

Sarah is stepping down as the representative to participate in the Greater Boroughs. Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to ask Joe Flannagan to be the representative; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Sarah received a call from a parent at the Elementary School looking for correct information on quarantining and isolating.

Flu Clinic Update – Two clinics were held: one at Tahanto and another in Northborough.

Dennis said 56 children ages 5-11 from Boylston were vaccinated at the COVID pediatric clinic.

160 Shrewsbury Street Update – Dennis met two weeks ago with various boards for an update and changes to the building. He will have the plan for next month.

Pine Hill Drive Updates – It's a large warehouse building. Soil testing has been done; plans should be coming soon.

Burial Permit on Private Property – A civil engineering firm was contracted to survey the site and locate an area for burial. Dennis told the engineer to submit his report to the attorneys and have them put it together for one submittal. Dennis also asked the Day Pitney attorney to draft a bylaw for the Board of Health so it doesn't become commonplace.

Sharps Update – Continues to have a very good response from residents.

Food Inspections Update – Diane Legare has been performing numerous inspections.

Enforcement Order for Compass Pointe – The Enforcement Order was sent; after the response time has passed, it will be sent to Attorney Madaus.

Greater Boroughs Partner for Health Update – The contact tracing grant was awarded (\$320,000 for two years). When added to the three-year shared nursing grant, the total is close to \$1 million for nursing services. Sarah and Dennis thought some nurses were hard to reach. With the overarching nursing services and augmenting what we had we would still like our own nurse who could work directly with the board and the Borough nurses. Boylston will have some hours for contact tracing. Grants can be difficult as far as implementing. We do need a nurse for the town. Dennis did speak to Cheryl Rawinski and explained to her that once the contact tracing grant starts, she will no longer monitor COVID cases, only the communicable diseases. He asked if she would be interested in a Board of Health nurse position but she is unable to because of contractual complications. Sarah will resend to the board the draft responsibilities of a Board of Health nurse for input by December 15<sup>th</sup>; after revisions it will be sent to Jeffrey Vander Baan (personnel) for his input.

## **PLAN REVIEW**

715 Main Street (Nickerson) – Approved.

15 Belair Street (Germain) – They are asking for 3 waivers: (1) 750 square feet; (2) less than setback of property; and (3) depth for the system going from 3-feet to 72". Dennis recommended approval.

735 Main Street (Shelby) – Approved.

205 School Street (Shaw) – Approved.

11 French Drive (Tower Hill) – David White (Tower Hill) and Dave Faist (CMG) were present. They are reconfiguring some septic lines and connections to SAS. They have revised the daily flows and are adding bathrooms in The Ramble. They did an updated scheduled to match the gallons that were approved for and added connections. The system was designed for future capacity. Dennis said the board is not approving any leach fields (they already exist); it is more of a plumbing job than a septic job, along with the addition of the 2 bathrooms. They will need someone licensed through the board to do the work.

178 Main Street (Manter) Duplex –The lot is in Zone 2; they are proposing a nitrogen loading aggregation plan to include another piece of property; the O&M plan was provided. Dennis said this was difficult because it is a lot that is being cut; they had to make sure the original lot had to comply with everything. The plan is for a shared system (Presby). Dennis said for aggregation nitrogen credit, they must have adjacent property or within the same zone, and there has to be a deed restriction that stays with the land. A shared system doesn't have to meet a separation of lot lines, but does has to meet offset to wetlands, buildings, etc. Dennis told Mr. Healy that he had to design a compliant system within the footprint; Mr. Healy said he was not sure if that can be done. It needs to be shown on a plan meeting the design standards for new construction in conjunction with Presby's DEP approval.

24 Sewall Street Plan – The plan was previously approved. DCR comments were received. On behalf of the Hogdons, Mr. Healy requested a variance under Section 405 3.C. The existing cesspool has failed; it is within 50-feet of a wetland, and currently running off into the drinking water supply. Dennis believed the only question is the procedure for the variance. The goal is to put the actual design in because it is the best for the wetlands, drinking water supply and homeowner. Dennis sent it to Dave Boyer at DEP for his interpretation. It is all based on separation to groundwater and distance to a tributary and drinking water supply. If the variance is allowed, the local upgrade approvals are fine; the variance becomes the distance; a public hearing may be needed. Mr. Healy said they added erosion and sediment controls per Conservation and Mr. Vignaly (DCR). Also added was wording to the Title 5 notes to show it is in accordance with Title 5. He also noted that Dennis was present for the deep holes and acknowledged the depth to groundwater; there is no question whether there was a testing.

Regarding the rooster complaint. There is nothing the board can do, but Dennis will follow up.

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.