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MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Sarah Scheinfein

The Chair opened the meeting and announced that cell phones are to be muted. Cell phones are used by the board for the purpose of scheduling the next meeting, etc. Minutes were recorded by Sarah Scheinfein for transcription.

There were no changes with the board reorganization.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 2019; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

June 24th was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Jim Haynes (Compass Pointe & Lilymere Discussion) – Jim Haynes and John Grenier were in attendance. Mr. Grenier researched the FAST system vs. a Presby system via DEP. Dennis also contacted DEP; the issue is with a recirculating sand filter. There are two systems: one is greater than 2,000; one is less than 2,000. Mr. Grenier and Mr. Haynes need to again contact DEP. The board agreed to hold a special meeting after DEP is contacted to determine if the board can sign off on the system and plans.

69 Melrose Street Update – According to Elder Services, the owner is back in the house. The board is waiting to hear back. The Building Inspector was also contacted.

AGENT'S REPORT

2019 Flu Preparation – Sarah is waiting to hear back from the Sanofi representative.

Mosquito Control Update – Residents can call after Memorial Day. Sarah will put it on the BOH Facebook page. CMMCP was contacted regarding an abandoned pool that is hatching

mosquitoes at 18 Highland Street. They said one treatment per year is all that is needed; there is no cost; they will apply the chemicals. The house has been foreclosed on; bids are being considered. The board needs to locate the bank that foreclosed to discuss dismantling the pool (it is considered a nuisance).

Illicit Discharge (Mile Hill Road) – The Stormwater Bylaw states that it is the Board of Health who is responsible. Drainage lines in the Morningdale area need to be looked at and possibly scoped.

Residents of Compass Pointe attended to express their concern for the septic odor. They were told by Mr. Haynes that he “rectified it”, but there is still an odor. Dennis explained that this is normal when starting a new septic. He will contact Mr. Haynes in writing to have him install charcoal filters. Another complaint was that there is a large pile of loam and dust is blowing into a resident’s pool; can anything be done about it? Possibly the Earth Removal Board can help.

Upcoming Changes to Board of Health Regulations – Proposed changes include changing the number of plans submitted with an application from 5 to 3; change septic tanks from single compartment to 2 compartments; septic tanks over 2,000 gallons to be certified water tight; septic system/components must have general approval from DEP in order to be approved by the Board of Health; inspection policy to be included in the regulations; Health Agent to review and approve repair plans (repairs over 2,000 gallons must go before the board). A public hearing is required to change the regulations.

General Counsel for the Board of Health Discussion – The board should write a letter to the Board of Selectmen about Town Counsel not being available to the board because there is not enough money in the town’s budget. Should the BOH vote to have their own counsel? The board does have a revolving account. Sarah will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

PLAN REVIEW

Lilymere Estates (discussed earlier).

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.