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## **MEETING MINUTES**

September 27, 2021

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dennis Costello

**Recorder:** Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated August 23, 2021; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

October 25, 2021 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Compass Pointe Update – Dennis said the Compass Pointe Over 55 project is not in compliance with Title 5 for the inspections, not in compliance with some covers according to the approved plan, and not in compliance with their own O&M schedule. He has a call into DEP to find out the timelines for violations. Correspondence was also received from residents regarding odors; some say it is gone, some say it's still there. The board thought the odor issue was taken care of.

Joe McGrath (Compass Pointe) – Joe McGrath was unable to attend tonight.

Farooq Ansari (Lot 11 Longley Hill) – Mr. Ansari was present. He wants to build on lot 11. His engineer has signed and stamped the plans, but Dennis has to review them since they expired 2015.

160 Shrewsbury Street (Route 140 RW, LLC) Request for Emergency 10-Day Beaver Permit – The beaver permit was issued. Kyle Merkosky (The Kraft Group) and Brittany Gesner (VHB) were present. Mr. Merkosky said Beaver Solutions came out; it did not appear that the beavers were there any longer. They did not witness any cutting at the detention basin, damming, or fresh trimmings, trails, etc., It appears the beavers moved to the vernal pool; it is a non-issue right now. The catch basin that was once clogged is now free flowing.

Dennis had a question on the wastewater. Ms. Gesner submitted a memo summarizing it and a presentation of what the manufacturer had given them. It is a self-contained water process system; a treatment system which will be within the building. The processed water that comes out of the four systems goes to a holding tank and through the treatment center to another holding tank; almost all of the water will be reused. It will never go to the septic system. It's a green process to reuse the water. John Wentzell made a motion to approve the plan for 160 Shrewsbury Street; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Greater Boroughs Partner for Health Update – Sarah said we have a nurse that works for Northborough, Southborough, Westborough and Boylston. Our nurse, Erin Shanahan, is for 15 hours/week; we can use her for whatever is needed. The COA is trying to get the seniors vaccinated for the flu. They want to run two flu clinics: one for seniors and one at Tahanto for students, faculty, staff and parents. Diane Tucerra would like Thursday, 10/7 from 12-2:30 and 6-8:30 because there is early dismissal. She would like students, faculty and staff from 7:30 p.m. to 11pm on a day that we could do it. Dennis said that wouldn't work because the nurse does not live in town and cannot be in any town before 9AM. Sarah has emailed Erin to discuss it. Dennis said if we need extra nurses, we could possibly use the nurse from Southborough. We would need to get a flyer to Tahanto to promote it. Rob asked if Berlin would have any resources to help since it is a regional school. We understand that the Boroughs' nurse, Erin Shanahan, is helping out at the high school.

Tahanto has approximately 40 students considered to be close contacts. Last week Dennis received a call from the Fire Department and contacted the school nurse. The nurse said they were calling the Fire Department looking for paramedics because they had children with insulin pumps. About a month ago, the BOH gave the Fire Department 240 Binax Now test kits. Today we were asked to order more; we did; we can get 120. Dennis let Matt Mecum know that the schools have access to Binax and they should be using their allotment. Rob asked if the new Tahanto nurse understands COVID protocols. Dennis said a lot of things changed when school started. They changed the protocol to a 3-foot separation and test-and-stay. Rob said parents have to sign a paper to say the child can be tested daily for a certain period of time in order to stay in school. Sarah will contact both nurses.

We are helping the schools with what we can help them with. They need to figure out what the school is supposed to be doing and have someone teach them how to do it. Rob asked what the previous Tahanto nurse did differently; Dennis said they didn't have the test-and-stay; and we weren't looking for COVID in children; we do now because of the Delta variant. Sarah explained the process for a positive case. Our nurse, Cheryl Rawinski, tracks MAVEN. She is responsible for the community piece and the school nurse is responsible for the school piece. Dennis continues to look for a nurse for approximately 4 hours/week so the board can have a contact medical person. Our budget is \$10K; we did not get \$16K. The board has never had enough money to hire a nurse. We need a write up; Sarah will resend what she sent. We will repost it. Cheryl Rawinski's contract is with the Selectmen of Boylston and Sutton, not the Board of Health. Sarah will continue to work on it. She will contact Kristin Black regarding the menu of options that was supposed to choose from for the nursing services.

Employee Handbook/Performance Reviews – Melanie attended a meeting for the employee handbook and information on performance reviews; Dennis was unavailable.

Masks in Municipal Buildings – Rob Thibeault made a motion that masks should be worn in all municipal buildings in the Town of Boylston; John Wentzell seconded; all in favor; motion approved.

MAVEN Access – The Chair signed the letter giving information access to the nurses.

### **AGENT’S REPORT**

Reporting COVID Positive Addresses – When the Governor’s State of Emergency ended, that requirement ended with it. There was never a requirement prior to COVID. Dennis received an email from the Town Administrator saying she would like the BOH to reestablish providing the addresses to dispatch. The Fire Department has a protocol they have to have when they go on a live COVID call to wear gowns, face shields, etc.; they don’t do that for non-COVID calls. Should we continue to do provide the addresses, we would save the town a lot of money in PPE. Dennis said that is not why we should send out the information. He will send an email saying where he got his research information; it was from the state. He has no issue with the Fire Department; he does have a problem going over and above to save money for clothing. Rob said they should be prepared as if everyone was exposed. The way they asked was not that we want to further protect our people, it was more to cherry pick. They should go to every address believing someone could be positive. Dennis suggested the board write to the Town Administrator, Joe Flannagan and Matt Mecum to ask if they would kindly rethink and clarify why they are asking the board to provide this information so that we can give it to them. The protocol is in place and they should follow it for every call.

### **PLAN REVIEW**

160 Shrewsbury Street (Route 140 RW LLC) Rand-Whitney – Approved.

313 Main Street (Mike May) – Revisions are needed.

Barnard Hill Lots:

- 5 Barnard Hill Road (43)
- 6 Barnard Hill Road (42)
- 23 Barnard Hill Road (37)
- 24 Barnard Hill Road (36)
- 29 Barnard Hill Road (35)
- 35 Barnard Hill Road (34)
- 41 Barnard Hill Road (29)
- 42 Barnard Hill Road (28)
- 48 Barnard Hill Road (27R)
- 54 Barnard Hill Road (26R)
- 55 Barnard Hill Road (22R)
- 60 Barnard Hill Road (25R)

61 Barnard Hill Road (23R)  
11 Hunt Circle (31)  
5 Jacobson Drive (38)  
6 Jacobson Drive (40)  
11 Jacobson Drive (45)

All plans are designed for 5 bedrooms, meet all setbacks, have 2x2 trenches (only the lengths are different), all meet 750-foot minimum; there are some pump chambers; they all meet the regulations. Dennis recommended approval and asked if the board would agree to approve them all as one group. Rob Thibeault made a motion to approve the plans and that the COVID protocol label be used; John Wentzell seconded; all agreed; motion approved.

178 Main Street (Manter) Duplex – Revisions are needed.

178 Main Street (Manter) Single-Family House – Revisions are needed.

500 Main Street (Macione) – Patrick Healy attended. This was for comment only on the definitive subdivision; they are not constructing roads, only looking to get a waiver. Dennis said they need a few more test pits. Splitting a lot, they both have to have a separate reserve area if they were not done prior to 1995. Rob Thibeault made a motion to approve; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

24 Sewall Street (Hodgdon) – John Wentzell made a motion to approve the plan for 24 Sewall Street; Rob Thibeault seconded; all agreed; motion approved.

428 Green Street (DiCelle) – Rob Thibeault made a motion to approve the plan for 428 Green Street; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.