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MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2022

Members Present: Sarah Barrette, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

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

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2022; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Dennis let the public know that the Central Mass Mosquito Control Program is available to spray, or not spray, for mosquitoes; residents do have to call or email them either way. They also clean out ditches, waterways, and ponds, do larval control and collect tires for free. Should the mosquitos become severe or carry disease, aerial spraying will be done; this is done by the state, not the CMMCP.

August 22, 2022 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Compass Pointe HOA – Dennis commented that the board has been in touch with the HOA. A time will be set in mid-to late August to meet at the large system. He has talked with the FAST people and they do want to put another component on the system. When they put a carbon filter on the high stack it doesn't coincide with the FAST system. The HOA is willing to work with them in order to get the nitrogen numbers under control. The HOA will need to find a way to get the 55-gallon drums of carbon up to the shed; currently it is all lawn. Members have visited the site; none have smelled any odors.

AGENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Virus Update – COVID is still increasing. Boylston is up 8%; there are 10 active cases right now. Of all the reporting, the board doesn't believe the numbers are accurate since many people are not reporting positive findings; hospitals cases are up slightly.

Town Nurse – No update.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health Update –A parent survey was sent out to get a feel for how many 5-year olds are, or are willing to, get vaccinated.

Vote to Designate Michael Seager as the Food/Housing Inspector for the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health – Rob Thibeault made a motion to designate Michael Seager as the Food and Housing Inspector on behalf of the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health (GBPH) for the Town of Boylston; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The vote will be sent to Kristin Black.

Discussion on Cemetery Regulation – Dennis spoke with the attorney and she will be formulating regulations for the board to review. Rob wants to tour and get the feel for the area; the board agreed.

Opiate Funding – There is an upcoming meeting; Dennis will let the board know. It will include health boards, health departments, fire departments, and town administrators. The state does have money, and the town will be getting a portion. It comes from the drug manufacturers. The specifics are still unknown at this time.

Community Health Assessments – The Boroughs is still looking into it. Dennis emailed UMass but hasn't heard back. The board hopes to work with UMass.

Republic Trash Issues – More than several complaints have come into the office. Dennis is having a difficult time trying to reach someone to speak with; nobody answers the emergency number that was provided. His recommendation was to send them a letter telling them to come to the next meeting, at which time the board can look at suspending or pulling their permit in town for residential sites only. Many people Dennis spoke with have already changed carriers.

PLAN REVIEW

152 Stiles Road (Schwartz) – Approved.

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.