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MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2022

Members Present: Robert Thibeault, Sarah Barrette

Members Absent: John Wentzell

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Health Agent)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Thibeault made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2022; Sarah Barrette seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

January 23, 2023 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

FY24 Budget (due December 29, 2022) – The Budget will be reviewed next week.

Annual Report (due January 16, 2023) – The Annual Report will be reviewed next week.

Waste & Recycling Committee Update – Sarah emailed the Selectmen; there will be a meeting on January 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health Update – Sarah and Ann Marie participated in the Zoom meeting last week. The Boroughs will roll over funds to FY24; the amount is not known. There was a DPH capacity assessment; Dennis completed it with the information we had and submitted it; the form was not user friendly. The Boroughs purchased a domain for the GBPH.org website; it is not yet operational. Isabella is interested in putting sunscreen dispensers up; it's a two-year program. For 6-8 dispensers in Northborough alone the cost is \$6K. The board could ask for funds in our FY24 budget and talk with Parks and Rec to possibly share or have them sponsor it. The locations would need to be decided; the Manor and Center Courts are a possibility. Dennis said a few years ago the board did sunscreen awareness and distributed sunscreen at the Town Hall and Library also passed them out on Memorial Day; it would be good to continue on some level. Sarah will contact the Parks & Rec Coordinator. The Boroughs has begun ordering vaccine for next year. Their upcoming zoom meetings are Wednesday, March 8th, June 14th and September 13th; they begin at 2PM.

Update on Grant – Dennis spoke with Heather (Southborough); Westborough has been added to the grant. Questions about what they want are not finalized.

Sarah said at the end of the year, Isabella will stop sending out the dashboard because most people are testing at home and the numbers are not accurate. People are asking where they can get test kits. They are available at Tahanto; the Library, the Fire Station, and the office. Isabella will transition to do more grant writing in the next fiscal and there was talk about increasing her hours between 32 and 40.

AGENT'S REPORT

Dennis told Mark Anttila that he met with the Water Department Engineer to go over the numbers on the Compass Pointe septic system. They also talked about the HOA; Jay Billings was going to contact Deb Frank, HOA President. Dennis had spoken with her a few weeks ago. Mr. Billings is also going to increase the number of testing they're doing on the monitoring wells. They will then meet and decide who will do what going forward and how we can make sure it's getting done and paid for. Dennis said they also talked about Zone 2; there has been a lot of activity in Zone 2 which includes Compass Pointe, some of the commercial activity and the current and future apartments. They want to get a comprehensive look at everything in Zone 2. Mr. Billings will try to get information more particular for septic vs. town wells. They will meet some time in the next few months. Eventually they will have a learning tool for the entire Zone 2, not specific to any one type of septic system. There was discussion about the HOAs. Mr. Anttila said it was not in the Maintenance Trust that was established in 2010 and said it's in negotiations with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Anttila also said Evergreen has nothing to do with the maintenance of the FAST system; it's managed by the HOA now.

COVID-19 Numbers – COVID numbers are going up; it's rising in the water samples as well. RSV and the flu are also peaking.

Appoint Town Nurse to the Boroughs – Ann Marie was unable attend tonight. Sarah will discuss it with her for the next meeting.

Town Nurse Update – Ann Marie dropped off test kits at Tahanto. She talked with Kathy at the Council on Aging. There is a newsletter that goes out every other month. There is only one senior that participates in Meals on Wheels weekly. COVID Test Kits were dropped off later in the week. Sarah said they will now discuss how to better work with the seniors. Dennis said the board could possibly help Ann Marie expand and continue with what the Boroughs have been doing with the seniors. Looking ahead, it's not sure how long the Boroughs' nurses will be funded.

NARCAN training is available at the Library on Wednesday, January 11, 2023; Sarah will be attending.

Waste Management – They did apply for a renewal permit. Dennis called them after the last meeting. The new District Manager Patrick did return the call. He spoke with him today and he gave the same response as Republic (short drivers). Dennis asked him if they wanted to renew and was told they do. Patrick was told that they need to pick up the rubbish in Boylston; he said they are working on it. Dennis asked when the last time was that they completely picked up the

town; Patrick didn't know. He was told that if he really wanted to do business in town, he needs to come to the next meeting and the board can determine the application at that time. They seem to pick up sporadically. Rob said they are getting the main streets, but not the side streets. Dennis said drivers now are required to have a hydraulic license because the trucks are automatic; there is a learning curve.

PLAN REVIEW – No plans for review tonight

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.