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MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2019; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

September 23rd was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Compass Pointe Security Agreement (proposed changes to the original accepted agreement) – There has been no update on the status of the Agreement. The Town Administrator gave the board an itemized bill for \$533.00 from Mirick O’Connell for town counsel services, with the payment to come out of the newly created BOH Revolving Fund. It needs to be clarified why the Board of Selectmen wants it to come out of the new fund; the board did not ask for Town Counsel services and do not feel it is the board’s bill. Compass Pointe issues have been ongoing prior to the Revolving Fund being established. The Chair will not authorize the bill to be paid until Dennis talks to the Town Administrator.

AGENT’S REPORT

2019 Flu Preparation – Sarah spoke to Stacey (CVS Pharmacist); the town has first choice of any day Monday-Friday; two weeks’ notice is needed. Two Flu Clinics will be held. The board agreed to Monday, September 23rd from 6PM-8PM for municipal employees. The Senior Flu Clinic will be held on either Tuesday, September 17th or Tuesday, September 24th from 9AM-11AM at the Town House. Sarah will confirm the date.

Mosquito Control Update – The town has not been identified as having EEE or West Nile Virus. Dennis talked to Tim Deschamps (Central Mass Mosquito Control) and asked about the “what ifs”. CMMC continues to spray on-call for town residents but are backlogged. The State Department of Public Health and the Department of Agriculture are in charge of spraying. The

board encouraged residents to limit early morning outside time as well as late night outside time and to use a bug repellent, long sleeve clothing, etc. Some communities have limited times for use of public places. The board will deal with that should the town test positive.

Review BOH Regulations – There was discussion on whether or not to create regulations for certain things. Dennis talked about the ongoing rooster complaint. People believe they are a nuisance. Nuisance is regulated by DEP (which the board falls under). He found that with any nuisance complaint there is a public vs. private complaint. If it affects a section of town, it would be a public complaint; if it would be neighbors, it would be a private (civil) complaint. Does the board want to create rooster and chicken regulations? The board agreed not to create regulations. Rob said it is a rural community and a right to farm community.

General Counsel for BOH Update – The money in the Revolving Account allows the board to contact/hire counsel with specifics that are not offered by Town Counsel.

Other Place Pub – Renovations are being done and the Pub will be closed for two weeks. Dennis met with them to discuss public health and regulations.

Cyprian Keyes – This year an event will be held that will include a night of different restaurants. A new application for a one-day event was created to help streamline and will bring in more revenue.

Rooster Complaint – It is hoped that the complaint that has been ongoing for several months may be taken care of. The lady informed Dennis that she gave up one of the roosters along with some hens hoping to solve the problem.

PLAN REVIEW

298 Sewall Street (Boylston CP, LLC) – Approved.

10 Ledgewood Drive (Bussolari) – Approved (the board approved the local variances needed).

9 Bay Path Drive (Michaeles) – Approved.

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.