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MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2023

Members Present: Sarah Barrette, John Wentzell

Members Absent: Robert Thibeault (Chair)

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Health Agent), Ann Marie Muckenstrom

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Jack Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated August 21, 2023 as amended; Sarah Barrette seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Steve Sears came in and introduced himself as the alternate inspector. He thanked the board for the appointment and agreed to fill in as needed. He did two inspections while Dennis was on vacation.

Rob Thibeault's work schedule has changed and he briefly resigned from the board. He would like to stay on the board if they could accommodate early morning meetings. Members were able to do that and confirmed October 23, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. as the next meeting date.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health/Town Nurse Updates including Impact Melanoma – Ann Marie reported that the Advisory Board talked about the July 1st budget. Gabriella Knox talked about food insecurity. Isabella and Gabriella and putting together a food resource guide with a map of 65+ different resources available in our area. The health assessment survey is open until the end of October; data will be available late fall/early winter. Northborough had 115 attendees, Westborough 29, Boylston 16, and Southborough 12. A flu clinic will be held at the Town House on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 10-11:30 and 4-5:30. For any resident wanting the senior shot, Wegman's in Northborough is providing it. COVID 19 booster, if paid out of pocket, is \$119. The regional collaborative with substance abuse prevention was discussed. Jack asked if marijuana is involved since there are marijuana shops opening everywhere. Dennis said the substance abuse is more for opiates such as fentanyl. Ann Marie said the Open Meeting Law was also discussed. A host district website for the Greater Boroughs Advisory Board is being adopted. December 13th is the next Zoom meeting. The melanoma dispensers were put in place and will be filled early next year.

Town Nurse FY24 Line Item – The Chair needs to send a letter to the Finance Committee informing them that the line item is wrong. Sarah did speak with them previously and was told that after the \$10,000 is spent, the board can come back to them and they will put the

additional \$5,000-\$6,000 in the budget. Dennis said the \$16,000 needs to be reflected in this budget cycle so when we are preparing for the next FY budget cycle it's not starting at \$10,000. Sarah will follow up and ask that they send an email to Melanie.

Collins Center Update – The board was interviewed. This is a Southborough grant so they can look at more shared services between the towns they are working with. They chose Northborough and Boylston. Southborough will receive a document outlining what they can do to improve; not sure if Boylston will receive any information. We may get feedback, but we are under no obligation to participate; Southborough is.

Waste and Recycling Committee Update – A replacement will be needed for Rob since he is on the Committee. More items were added to the MA Waste Ban Law. Dennis said the Committee is preparing a survey letter to send to the residents for their input as to what they would want.

AGENT'S REPORT

Animal Inspector Position – It is being discussed at the Selectmen's meeting tonight.

Burial Regulation – The regulations are now with Town Counsel to be reviewed.

PLAN REVIEW – There were no plans for review tonight.

Having no further business to discuss, John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Sarah Barrette seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.