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MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2023

Members Present: Robert Thibeault (Chair), Sarah Barrette called in at 10:10AM

Members Absent: John Wentzell

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Health Agent)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:10AM.

Sarah Barrette made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated October 30, 2023; Robert Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health & Town Nurse Updates – Updates will be provided after they meet on December 13th.

Town Nurse FY24 Line Item – Sarah will be reaching out to the Finance Committee today and will request \$17,000.

Mark Anttila asked for an update on Compass Pointe. Dennis said it's been noted over the past that the large system has a high number of total nitrogen (TKN) coming into it. He has talked to the Water Department and the engineer, Jay Billings. Mr. Billings is contacting Lauren at Wastewater Treatment about the chemistry that is occurring over there to find out why the numbers are coming in so high. They are looking at putting in another monitoring well; the location has not been identified yet. It will be brought to the HOA board to see who will be paying for it. Dennis said there was some additional testing done on the town monitoring wells that are in Compass Pointe but are possibly in the wrong places; that information has not been received yet.

AGENT'S REPORT

Animal Inspector Position – It has been an agenda item at several Selectmen meetings. The Town Administrator has met with Berlin, West Boylston, Lancaster and Harvard to possibly regionalize. The Board of Health is responsible for appointing the Animal Inspector.

Burial Regulation – Still being reviewed by Town Counsel. Hopefully there will be an update at the next meeting.

PLAN REVIEW

430 Green Street (Shrewsbury Homes) – The plan was approved in September 2021. Since then, the property has been sold and a new plan was drawn by Connorstone. The original plan was done by Thompson-Liston which was done more in line with Title 5. Dennis asked Connorstone to go back and give us a plan that is closer to Title 5 as the previously approved plan; they have done that. It meets all the requirements.

12 Ledgewood Drive (Liberty) – Repair of an existing failed system. It will need to be deed restricted to two bedrooms. It meets all the requirements except the cover over the leach field because of the drop off. They have asked that the cover over the leach field at some places be over 4 feet deep; Title 5 is 3 feet. Dennis recommended it because it will help the system; it is vented to comply with the Code.

263 Linden Street (Jerri Fournier) – Repair of a failed 4-bedroom existing system. The design is a Presby system because they want a reduction from the groundwater table. Presby allows for a 2' groundwater separation; the Code is a 4' groundwater separation. It meets all the requirements.

Sarah Barrette made a motion to approve the plans reviewed today; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

31 Cross Street – Rob said the board did not approve the plan and it was sent to Graves Engineering for peer review. Graves agreed with the board's standing of not approving the system as drawn. They will have to contact their engineer.

Dennis attended his first Waste and Recycling meeting. The Committee would like the board to review the permit application. Members should review it for the next meeting and be ready to make a recommendation to either approve it or make changes and approve. Dennis felt the concept was very good. It will be a level playing field for the haulers and what is expected of them.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.