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MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

Members Present: Robert Thibeault (Chair) via phone, Sarah Barrette, John Wentzell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Health Agent)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Sarah Barrette made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2023; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

March 18, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health & Town Nurse Updates – No updates, they meeting later this week.

Review FY25 Budget Update – Sarah and Dennis attended a meeting with the Finance Committee. The Committee approved \$17K for the nurse line item, but based on the salary and the hours worked it will fall slightly short. When that happens, the Finance Committee will make the transfer.

Dennis and Sarah were unaware that the Town Administrator put in the BOH budget \$17K-\$18K for the Animal Control Officer. The Dog Officer may be rolled into the Animal Inspector line item. They are looking into regionalizing it. The board will need to find out more about it.

Review Definitive Subdivision Plans for Barnard Hill Phase IV and provide letter to Planning Board – James Tetreault was present. Dennis explained that the board is required to respond to a definitive subdivision proposal to the Planning Board that the board either votes to approve or disapprove. It does not constitute the approval of any one individual system. It's a letter to respond to the overview of whether the scope of the development is reasonable. Mr. Tetreault explained what they are considering, which is to extend Barnard Hill and connect to the end of Cobblestone Way at the Shrewsbury town line; 13 lots are proposed; possibly 5-6 lots will be doable. John Wentzell made a motion to send the Planning Board a letter approving the definitive subdivision proposed plan; Sarah Barrette seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

AGENT'S REPORT

Waste & Recycling Committee Update (Permit Review) – No update today. They are meeting again in March.

PLAN REVIEW

8 Gulf Street and Lot 2 Sewall Street (Boylston CP, LLC) – No response has been received from the engineer.

56 Oak Hill Lane (LaValle) – No plan for review. It is an active failed system. Dennis is working with Thompson-Liston.

8 Upland Drive (Martin) – It's a failed system. Four variances are needed from the regulations; three were included on the plan: (1) 3 feet to groundwater rather than 4 feet, (2) the setback distance to the side lot lines 10 feet rather than 20 feet, and (3) square footage from our minimum size system of 750 square feet to 556 feet. They will be asked to include: (4) the leach field being 18 feet from the foundation rather than 20 feet. The plan does address the problem. Dennis recommended approval. John Wentzell made a motion to approve the plan for 8 Upland Drive with the stipulation that all four variances be included on the plan as discussed; Sarah Barrette seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Regarding the food complaint from last month, Dennis told the board that after looking at it again after the meeting, the board never actually received a complaint at the office. He didn't think, and the board agreed, that we should be answering complaints from Facebook. If people have complaints, they can contact the office directly or through the "Contact Us" link on the town's website. The Town Clerk asked the person to contact the office, but she never did.

Having no further business to discuss, Sarah Barrette made a motion to adjourn; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.