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MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2014

Members Present: Sarah Scheinfein, Tina Shenko

Members Absent: John Wentzell

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Sanitation Agent)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

GENERAL BUSINESS

Vouchers were approved.

Tina Shenko made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2013; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; all agreed; motion approved.

February 24, 2014 was confirmed as the date for the next meeting.

James Venincasa was present asking for the board to approve the septic plan for Lot 38A Compass Pointe before the next meeting if all necessary paperwork is received before then. The members agreed, as long as Dennis is satisfied with the review. This is the first of approximately thirty FAST systems that will be installed.

Annual Report – The annual report was revised and will be sent to the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant.

Hearing Impaired Detector Update – Jason Bradford sent an email informing the board that the alarms have been ordered. A total of 8 people (1 from WB) responded. All 8 people will receive bed shakers, 2 people also wanted strobe smoke and CO alarms. He will attend a board meeting with a report after the program is complete.

Open Meeting Laws – Sarah attended a meeting on the Open Meetings conducted by Mirick O'Connell. She reminded the board members that ethics testing is a requirement. Points of interest were that if an i-phone is used for emailing, etc., it must be made known; in the event of a conflict, the person must recuse themselves or fill out a "Disclosure of Appearance of Interest"; skypeing or remote participation is allowed if the chair deems it ok with the requirement that each person state their name and how they voted (there must be a quorum); the board can call an emergency meeting without posting; the minutes must reflect the date, time, place of meeting, and all decisions of actions must be recorded.

Goody Bags – Will be assembled if time permits at the end of the meeting.

AGENT’S REPORT

Town Water Violation Notice to Board of Health –The town violated the drinking water. The reporting requirements were changed several years ago and the laws say that anything that affects the water must be reported, even if it is a false positive. The town did take steps to find out what it was, retested, and sent another notice explaining the steps they did take and that it is now fine. Dennis spoke with Scott McCubrey (Water District Superintendent) who said there are numerous indicators. The board would like quicker notification. We could not comment on it, but at least we will know that there is some type of violation. Dennis will contact the Water Department and ask someone to attend our next meeting to explain the procedure.

Mosquito Control – The town has completed the first year with the program. They are currently cleaning ditches, waterways and culverts and will be working in the wetlands in the spring. The program operates year round. The board is very satisfied with the program.

Flood Hazard Regulations & Maps – In 2011, the board held a public hearing and agreed to hold the maps and regulations. The maps are updated every few years. At the time, we were helping residents who needed assistance with their insurance. The Town Administrator told Dennis that in many towns, it is the Board of Health that holds them because it is easier to manage and maintain; the board is being asked to continue holding the maps and regulations. There are modifications that need to be made to the regulations (not maps) which will require a public hearing. The public hearing will be scheduled for next month.

Board of Health New Regulations – Dennis said that new systems should have a two compartment septic tank. In the future (TBD), a public hearing will be needed to change the regulations and wording.

PLAN REVIEW

29 Midland Road (Stanley Meleski) – Approved

254 Central Street (Thomas Buckingham) – Request for One Year Extension – Granted.

Tina made a motion to adjourn; Sarah seconded; all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.