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MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2018

Members Present: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on Lots 9D, 11D and 46C (Compass Pointe) – The board received a copy of the letter sent to Town Counsel from Attorney Matthew Watsky dated November 20, 2018 regarding the shared septic system analysis at the Compass Pointe subdivision. Dennis will follow up with Town Counsel.

Shrewsbury/Sewall Street (85 Sewall LLC-Scott Goddard) – James Tetreault was present to explain the project/plans which are before the board for review. Part of the project is in Zone 2. He explained the testing that was done and where the three pressure dose systems will be located. It will be a single ownership. The board will need to review the Operation and Maintenance Plan. Dennis commented on the force main going over the culvert and suggested it be sleeved. Mr. Tetreault asked if the board would consider reducing the plan review fee. The board will take it under advisement.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated October 22, 2018; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

December 10th was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Distressed Property Program Update – Sarah and Rob attended the November 19th Board of Selectmen meeting where Monica Passeno (Attorney General's Office-Worcester) gave a presentation about their Abandoned Housing Initiative; it is more for abandoned, blighted properties. The Board of Selectmen were on board but wanted to speak with an attorney first. There are possibly 2-3 vacant properties in town. The Board of Health does not want to put residents out of their homes. The Board of Selectmen want to form a committee to oversee the program; but the Board of Health would own the program. Mr. May said the committee would screen the properties and then refer them to the BOH for further action. Rob said that was not emphasized to them at the BOS meeting. Dennis asked if the title would change hands on a

property; Mr. May said no; he said a lien is put on the property. The board feels that this program is not for people who refuse help and said there are many social service programs available to help residents; it is a social service issue vs. a Board of Health issue. Further discussion is needed before the board can decide whether or not to become part of the Abandoned Housing Initiative (Distressed Properties Program). In the interim, Mr. May said the Board of Selectmen will reach out the Town Counsel and Jamie Underwood will follow up; Sarah will follow up with Mike May. The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

AGENT'S REPORT

Mosquito Control – As a reminder, the Mosquito Control Program cleans waterways during the winter; if any are known that need to be cleaned, residents should contact Mosquito Control directly.

Flu Clinic – CVS administered 75 vaccines at the November 6th Flu Clinic.

PLAN REVIEW

11 Mile Avenue (Leaman) – Approved.

8 Greenwood Street (Gera) – Approved.

9 Roseberry Drive (Settle) – Approved.

135 Sewall Street (Luksis) – Approved.

3 Morningdale Avenue (Carbonneau) – Approved.

321 Cross (Boylston Recreation & Golf) – Still in the revision process.

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to adjourn; Jack Wentzell seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.