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MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2021

Members Present via Remote: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

An announcement was made that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, the Boylston Board of Health meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

Roll call was taken for members and staff attending remotely: Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell Dennis Costello, and Melanie Rich.

RESIDENT BUSINESS

Compass Pointe – Dennis was unable to locate the original letter sent to Steve Turnblom; a reminder was sent; he will try to follow up next week. No response has been received from Mr. Haynes; Dennis needs to contact John Grenier. Mr. Anttila asked what was requested from Mr. Turnblom and was told he is to make sure the cover to grade is to specifications.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated March 22, 2021; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2021; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

May 24, 2021 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

AGENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Virus Update – Since April 13th there have been 11 cases; the state website has 33 (reporting dates from April 1st through 14th); they lag behind a week. There are 20 active cases.

Inquiries about sports have been received. Sarah has researched and reported back to the sports people and advised them that all of the documents/information/guidelines can be found at mass.gov. The Board of Health does not have any additional regulations; we adhere to the Governor's Orders which can be found at mass.gov. Rob commented that some sports associations have stricter COVID guidelines for insurance policies.

The town is doing well for vaccinations. Approximately 95% of age 75 and up are vaccinated; 73%/75% of age 50-64 have at least one vaccination; 79% of age 39-41 have at least one shot. Approximately 2,800 residents are vaccinated.

Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update – The clinic is going well; it's a smooth operation running 3 days/1,500 shots/week. The private links were changed this week. Dennis has a meeting tomorrow. The town has hired one person and trying to hire a second before Wednesday. If anyone is interested in a very part time job 3-days/week please let us know. We are not sure how long the clinic will run, but whenever it ends there will be an additional four weeks since we are scheduling second shots.

Nurse/Information on Shared Services Update/Health Agent's Contract – No information because of town meeting being in June. Dennis has been extensively dealing with COVID; no time for contract.

PLAN REVIEW

183 Mill Road (Caparso) – Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the plan for 183 Mill Road; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote; all voted in favor; motion approved.

69 Melrose Street (Beshai) – They are asking for a variance from 750 square feet to 450 square feet (our regulations). Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the plan for 69 Melrose Street with a variance of 450 square feet which is in accordance with Title 5, and a variance from the distance to the house; Jack Wentzell seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

48 Cook Street (Dunlavy) – Distance to groundwater is needed (3 feet). According to Title 5, 4 feet is required. Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the plan for 49 Cook Street with a variance of 3 feet instead of 4 feet to groundwater; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

49 Cook Street (Dunlavy) – They requested the plan be extended for one year; the board had no issues.

Cross Street (left of 520 Cross Street) Frem – Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the plan for Cross Street; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

Lot 1 Perry Road (CJ&J Consulting, Ltd.) – Not reviewed. Dennis needs information from John Grenier.

Lot 2 Perry Road (CJ&J Consulting, Ltd.) – Not reviewed. Dennis needs information from John Grenier.

Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.