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MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2021

Members Present: Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello, Mark Anttila

Recorder: Sarah Scheinfein

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated May 24, 2021; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

July 26, 2021 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

<u>Beaver Activity (Stiles Road/Ethan Allen Drive)</u> – Rob received a complaint regarding a beaver dam; he referred the citizen to the Highway Department. A new culvert was placed on Stiles Road.

<u>Compass Pointe</u> – Mark Anttila asked for an update. Smell better, secondary to carbon filters placed on pipes.

AGENT'S REPORT

<u>COVID-19 Virus Update</u> – Vaccination rate is up; number of positive cases are down. There are still a lot of unknowns, e.g., how long will COVID be here, delta variant. The delta variant is infecting vaccinated people.

<u>Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update</u> – The clinic is over; approximately 15,000 vaccinations were administered. There may be another clinic if younger aged children are allowed to receive the vaccine.

<u>Nurse (BOH Budget)</u> – The town will have one Registered Nurse 4 or 5 hours/week at either \$50 or \$60/hour.

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<u>Nurse (Shared)</u> – The one Registered Nurse will be shared for approximately 15 hours/week. We are still trying to figure out what specific services Boylston needs for nursing. The possibility could be to focus on seniors, running larger clinics.

<u>Information on Shared Services Update</u> – The second grant proposal is specific for contact tracing. Two-year grant is \$300K for one year. John Wentzell made a motion to participate in the second grant proposal; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Dennis will submit information to Connor Robichaud tomorrow.

<u>Health Agent's Contract</u> – Dennis is continuing to work out the details.

A letter was received from the attorney regarding a resident wanting to be buried at her home. Dennis explained that certain requirements need to be met, i.e., groundwater level. A public hearing will need to be held. Town Counsel said it was not illegal to be buried on a private site. Rob would like to see restrictions pertaining to it.

PLAN REVIEW – There were no plans for review tonight.

Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.