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MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2021

Members Present: Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell

Members Absent: Sarah Scheinfein

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review and approve Meeting Minutes dated November 8, 2021 – John Wentzell made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

January 24, 2022 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Compass Pointe Update – The Enforcement Order was issued and a response was received. Dennis has been trying to connect with Town Counsel but has not heard from him. He reviewed the documents and knows that the concrete covers have not been changed. There was a letter saying they could use the plastic with risers, which is true; it is safe. The plan did state that the manhole covers should be cast iron. There was no inspection report on the Presby itself, only the FAST system and Dennis sees no quarterly reports on the pumps. The question is, should the board invite Mr. Haynes to a meeting or proceed to court. Rob Thibeault said to ask Town Counsel for his recommendation. The response from Compass Pointe did not include everything in the Enforcement Order. Mr. Anttila thought the carbon filters were causing problems. Dennis said he was contacted by the original installer who asked him what he needed to do with regard to the Enforcement Order. At this point in time, Dennis was not advising him what to do because the Enforcement Order had been issued. The board thought odor issues had been resolved. Mr. Anttila inquired about well testing because it is not known who will do it. He also mentioned the deed which includes financial information; there was supposed to be \$29K in the septic fund; there is none. Dennis told him it is the HOA who controls and runs the system, including the financial aspect.

AGENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Virus Update – The town has had 35 positive cases in the past two weeks. More people are getting tested; there is a 6.24% positivity rate. It is household driven now and

contagious. Mr. Anttila asked about masks again and if it would change when the schools did. Rob said the school is different from the board. Dennis explained that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education hires their own staff to advise them. Public health and school health are not always in sync.

Nurse – No new information tonight.

Flu Clinic Update – Numbers were given last month.

Greater Boroughs Partner for Health Update – Joe Flanagan is the new representative for the board. He will be invited to attend the next meeting for an update. People have been asking Rob why the Dragon 88 was temporarily closed; it was closed for repairs and updates after the food inspection was conducted. The Greater Boroughs conducts food inspections for the town.

Rooster Complaint – Dennis visited the property; there is nothing the board can do.

PLAN REVIEW

178 Main Street (Manter) Duplex and Single-Family House – No new information from the engineer.

160 Shrewsbury Street (VHB) – Approved.

24 Sewall Street (Hodgdon) – DCR was correct saying the board could not approve a certain variance. Patrick Healy (Thompson-Liston) revised and designed the plan with input from DEP and Dennis in order to become compliant. The system was made smaller; the height became higher. They are now 4-feet above the groundwater table and they now have the variance with the distance to the tributary. DCR submitted their determination; it is now a compliant system.

80 Pine Hill Drive (Lot 2A) – The O&M Plan will be needed. Approved.

Lot 1 Sewall Street (Whitney Street Home Builders) – Not reviewed tonight because they haven't been before the Planning Board yet. There are no lot lines.

Lot 2 Sewall Street (Whitney Street Home Builders) – Not reviewed tonight because they haven't been before the Planning Board yet. There are no lot lines.

11 Barnard Hill (Lot 41) – Approved.

17 Barnard Hill (Lot 39R) – Approved.

40B for Sewall and Shrewsbury Street (Trailside) – They are asking waivers from the BOH to allow the soil absorption system to be less than 100-feet from wetlands, be greater than 200-feet from a dwelling, and be 50-feet from a deep hole test (local regulations). There is a meeting on January 10th if any board member wants to attend.

Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.