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MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2022

Members Present: Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell, Sarah Barrette

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

John Wentzell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated August 22, 2022; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

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

Compass Pointe HOA – Dennis said they have not met yet; however, he did speak to Mark Anttila today about working with the HOA and others to get everything tied into what they should be doing with the septic system at Compass Pointe regarding the town wells, monitoring wells, etc. He also spoke with Scott McCubrey (Water Department) and will be contacting his engineer, Jay Billings, to see if they can get something moving. He is going to get the results from the last time the town did their monitoring of those wells which is done once a year. An info session with the HOA is still needed.

Elaine Jones came in and asked about Compass Pointe. She was told about the conversation Dennis had with Mark Anttila. Dennis told her he wants to talk with the HOA and the Water Department's engineer and expand that conversation to get everyone on the same page. It's for both HOAs which is confusing, but there are two HOAs. One encompasses the entire subdivision as proposed in 2001; the other HOA runs the septic system and the 21 lots on the over 55. Ms. Jones was concerned about the Maintenance Trust that covers the entire subdivision. It lists the maintenance of the detention basins but also says the inspection of septic systems. Dennis does not know why that was included; the entire subdivision HOA should give them guidance on how to do that.

Complaint (Timberbrook) – There was a complaint of a very strong odor of tobacco, and cat hair and fleas by a resident. The owner was living there. The bank took it over, the resident came back in, and Dennis now has contact names and numbers including the HOA. He has contacted the maintenance company, Phoenix. They are looking into the matter; the unit has been cleaned out and is for sale.

Complaint (Waste Management Trash Pick-Up) – Rob said Waste Management is not picking up on a consistent basis in town; they have been skipping weeks or certain parts of the town. The Board can invite them in as we did with Republic.

Complaint (Republic Services Trash Pick-Up) – Republic seems to be on a consistent basis currently.

Dennis asked the Board if it made sense to think about contracting for our town; members agreed that it did. It's a big expense and would have to pass at town meeting. Thirty years ago, it cost \$300K?? Back then, the Finance Committee would not vote to put the money into the budget for the second year so the Board of Health had to bill each resident approximately \$129 every six months. It got difficult to pay for the service because a lot of people were not using it. It needs to be funded by the town in order for it to work. We would need to find out from the residents or the Selectmen if they are willing to fund it. Rob said we should contact the Selectmen and let them know we recognize the problems the town is having with trash, think it's worthwhile, and see if they agree with us as well before we invest more time on it. Sarah will prepare a draft email for review before sending to the Selectmen and Town Administrator.

AGENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Numbers – For the weeks September 4-17, three towns were up; one was down. Boylston was up 7%; Northborough up 9%; Southborough was down 8.5%; Westborough was up 7%. The state as a whole was up 7.5%. Sarah said she tried to register for the Moderna vaccine for the October 7th date in Northborough but was unable to. She found it was because Northborough was awaiting the estimated delivery date before adding additional dates. A resident also reached out to Sarah saying they had issues registering for their booster because they were on Medicare and it would not allow them to proceed. She told the Boroughs Nurse and it was easily explained how to proceed.

Town Nurse – Two people were interviewed; an offer was made to Andrea Bailey. She lives in town and is an RN. Sarah looped her in with Greater Boroughs Nurse; everything Sarah receives, Andrea does as well. Sarah asked if she could start next week; we would like to get her up and running as soon as possible. She will be a great fit. There was also discussion of what is allowed during a wellness visit because of legal liabilities.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health Update – Sarah talked about a Zoom meeting last week. She was sent the meeting link and the password; she logged on and was in the waiting room for 10 minutes. There was an email saying the wrong link and password was sent out. She did it again and was still in the waiting room. A third email came out with the correct information, she logged on, the meeting was over. She watched the meeting on YouTube. Kristin Black said there was nobody present from Boylston to represent as a voting member. She decided to call Joe Flannagan, but he is not a voting member. Kristin tried to contact someone from Westborough to no avail and the meeting ended. Sarah was not called, texted, or contacted in any way. She sent email expressing her feeling about it. Sarah no longer wants to be on the GBPH; she is not happy with the way it's run. Andrea was asked if she would be

the Board's representative. The Board would have to vote on it at a meeting where Andrea is present.

Cemetery Regulation/Site Visit Individually – Dennis has not heard from the attorney. Rob would like the area marked before visiting the site.

Lot 11 Longley Hill – This is a very difficult lot. It was found last month that the developer removed a large amount of material that should have been left for the system for this lot. In doing that it rendered all the testing that was done useless. They want to slide the system back, but more testing was needed. Testing was done two weeks ago. Dennis said they are calling for a block retaining wall. There is an easement that goes into the lot (the Board had them do an easement for all the lots). They don't meet the lot line setback anymore. They are trying to buy a piece of land from someone. There is only an approximate location of the septic system. The numbers work; there is an access road; but they need a plan showing the lot line; they haven't bought the land yet. He has already called the engineer. He felt they would come back tomorrow with a new plan and asked the Board if the issues are addressed would they approve it or wait. Jack's opinion was that if Dennis feels it will work, he will have no problem signing it; the other members agreed.

PLAN REVIEW

22 Diamond Hill Ave Proposed Subdivision (Board to send comments to the Planning Board) – The Board will respond that we feel it is viable but want to make sure the original house can support a septic system.

601-623 Edgebrook Drive (Timbrook Condominiums) – Approved.

3 Hall Pond Road (Madore/Brazauskas) – Approved.

220 East Temple Street (Keith Lewis) – Approved.

5 Upland Road (Joseph Walsh) – Approved.

140 Cross Street (Harold Johnson) – Approved.

Lot 11 Longley Hill (Farooq Ansari) – No plan was reviewed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.