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MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2019

Members Present: John Wentzell, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: Sarah Scheinfein

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rob Thibeault made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2019; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

October 21st was confirmed as the next meeting date.

RESIDENT BUSINESS

Mark Anttila and Cheryl Mercier (46B Compass Circle) attended to say that the developer has not fixed the odor issues at Compass Pointe and would like them addressed. He was asking for information on the FAST system; Dennis did have two inspection reports. He suggested the board contact Waste Treatment Services to obtain a copy of the information that was provided to Mr. Haynes. Dennis explained that the final inspection will include the walkthrough, the entire as-built plan, the grading plan, and the O&M plan. Mr. Anttila asked who ensures that the right pipes, etc. were used. Dennis said that would be the manufacturer. Mr. Anttila asked if the board received financial information on the FAST system. Dennis said the board would prefer to have a Condo Association oversee the system; reporting requirements would be different. An HOA is supposed to have enough money in place in 20 years to replace the system; a Condo Association has to be set up as accounts prior to the Association. Mr. Anttila said there are septic covers sticking up on his property and asked if there was a code to address them. Dennis said regulations say the septic cover has to be within 6" above the top; some have to be at grade. The board has some control over it and will exercise control over it. Dennis will provide information to Mr. Anttila after he receives it, and Rob will follow up and visit the area.

AGENT'S REPORT

Flu Clinics – CVS will only hold one flu clinic. The board will decide later whether to hold it in October or November to ensure they will have the vaccine.

Mosquito Control/EEE Update – Rob thought the BOH did a great job notifying residents. Dennis explained that a code red was put out and all information was posted on the website. Rob thought a lot of residents relied more on Sarah's communication. Dennis said that's not really the way we wanted it because not always did the right information get relayed; there were too many voices. Rob said less information is better along with more linkage. Boylston is done with the spraying unless the temperature goes up and unless things change.

Tobacco Update – The state is looking for the local Boards of Health to possibly enact regulations. Vaping is bad because of the ingredients; anything can be put into it; there are numerous flavors. Walmart stores are no longer going to sell Juul products.

The board may do a site walk in October at Compass Pointe.

The BOS wants the board to attend their October 7th meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss town counsel. The board would like to let the BOS know that, from time to time, the BOH will be using special/specific counsel on certain matters that are decided upon by the board. There is no intent to change town counsel.

PLAN REVIEW

No plans for review tonight

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.