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MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2014

Members Present: Tina Shenko, John Wentzell

Members Absent: Sarah Scheinfein

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Sanitation Agent), see attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no vouchers for approval tonight.

John Wentzell made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2014; Tina Shenko seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Due to a conflict, the next meeting will be held on October 20th rather than October 27th.

Administrative Assistant Hours – Deferred until October when the Chair is present.

AGENT'S REPORT

Compass Pointe – Paul Baril (8 Compass Circle) and Sue Sleczkowski (1 Northeast Way) were present. Mr. Baril had a concern with the amount of square footage (10,000) needed for a bedroom. He only has 30,000 square feet, yet his house is listed as a four-bedroom. Dennis explained that he is in Zone 2 and that there is a formula to accommodate more bedrooms, but a nitrogen credit is needed. The developer has put aside some land to do that and it will need to be conveyed to the homeowner. This is an issue that Mr. Baril will have to address with the developer.

The plans and Occupancy Permit for Lot 36 have been signed by the board. The Building Permit for Lot 38 has not been signed by the Conservation Commission pending resolution of the bond issue.

Flu Clinics – Ms. Sleczkowski said she would like to volunteer in some capacity. Dennis said the third Tuesday in October is slated for the senior flu clinic, but will coordinate that with Jane Meegan (Council on Aging). No date has been set for the town-wide flu clinic.

Tobacco 21 – The FDA set the national minimum tobacco sales age at 18, but allows states and localities to enact laws setting a higher minimum age. In 2013, seven Massachusetts towns

adopted Tobacco 21 laws. Nicotine is being targeted to children and young adults in the form of flavored lipsticks, cigars, etc. Raising the minimum tobacco sales age to 21 will dramatically reduce tobacco use. It has been noted that based on the epidemiology and science of smoking addiction, 80% percent of adult smokers began smoking daily before 20 years of age, and 99% of lifetime smokers started smoking before age 25. Jack asked what the difference was between smoking cigarettes and marijuana. Dennis said marijuana is not a carcinogen or tobacco and does not fall under the tobacco regulations. Dennis feels this is worth pursuing and will invite them to attend a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wayne Belec (Waterman Design Associates) to discuss 218 School Street – Mr. Belec was present to address deficiencies of a septic plan and the subsequent over-excavation of the system for 218 School Street. Mr. Belec contacted DEP (Worcester) for a policy on the excavation of the required 4' of naturally occurring soil throughout the entire bottom of the septic system. DEP said they would email the answer/policy on this subject. There was discussion of the requirement and how to remedy a site that was stripped of this material. Mr. Belec will forward emails from DEP on this subject to the BOH. Mr. Belec pointed out test pits on the plan that were not located correctly; his company has now properly located these test pits. Additional testing will be set up to obtain more information for design purposes and for verification of soils.

Mr. Belec asked the board for direction in presenting a redesigned plan for approval. The plan will need relief from one or more of the board's local regulations; one will be from the 25' front property line setback, and another possibly from the size of the leaching facility. The design of the leaching facility will be less than the required 750 square feet. The board members indicated they would look at the plan and consider the waivers at the next meeting after the plan has been submitted for review.

PLAN REVIEW

Lot 37 (Compass Pointe) – Mr. Venincasa was in attendance. Dennis said the board is still waiting for the Homeowner's Agreement requested at the July 28th Special Meeting before reviewing since that lot is tied into it.

Mr. Venincasa said he submitted soil test applications on February 25th for Lots 2A, 25 and 39 and asked if Dennis could schedule them. Dennis said he believes these were put on hold because of a conservation issue.

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Tina Shenko seconded; all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.