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MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2023

Members Present: Robert Thibeault (Chair), Sarah Barrette, John Wentzell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Health Agent)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Sarah Barrette made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2023; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

November 27, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health & Town Nurse Updates – Ann Marie was unable to attend and will have a report at the next meeting which will include the flu clinics update.

Town Nurse FY24 Line Item – Sarah will contact FinCom today.

AGENT'S REPORT

Animal Inspector Position – Dennis said since the position became vacant, he has been asking the Town Administrator to clarify what the position is or will be because it may change. Presently it is the Animal Inspector for the Board of Health and Dog Officer out of the Selectmen's office. In May, the Town Administrator sent him an email about the Dog Officer and wanted to advertise for the position. Again, he was looking for clarification and asked if the Board of Selectmen still wanted the Dog Officer under their budget. Dennis believes the Animal Inspector position has changed in the last few years enforcing quarantine. In September, the Town Administrator said the Board of Health appointed Dennis as the Dog Officer. He let her know that he was not appointed as the Dog Officer, but as the Animal Inspector, which he still does not want. Recently the Town Clerk has emailed Rob, Dennis and Melanie about the position but should have included the Town Administrator and Selectmen. Dawn will be asked to forward them to the Town Administrator and ask what she wants to do with the Dog Officer position. Dennis and the Board of Health believe it should be one position with one budget.

Burial Regulation – Town Counsel is still reviewing the regulation/policy.

Waste & Recycling Committee – With Rob’s work schedule he can no longer attend the Committee meetings. The Selectmen would like a member of the board to be part of it. They meet once a month on Mondays at 6PM; Dennis will take Rob’s place. The Waste & Recycling Survey for Boylston Residents will go out with the census. At the last meeting Rob was able to attend he said paying per bag or having it included in the taxes was discussed. The Board of Health does not want to administratively collect fees for trash; it would have to be done another way.

PLAN REVIEW

430 Green Street (Shrewsbury Homes) – Connorstone will resubmit a plan that is closer to Title 5 and the plan that was already approved for that property.

379 Sewall Street (Kevin McHugh) – no issues

211 Mile Hill Road (Summer Star Meadow) – no issues

Sarah Barrette made a motion to approve the plans for 379 Sewall Street and 211 Mile Hill Road; Rob Thibeault seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Having no further business to discuss, Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.