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May 25, 2022

PRESENT: Kevin Gallagher, Heidi Hacking, David Flaherty ABSENT: Michael Ristuccia

Call to Order

- a. Chairman Kevin Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll call attendance of the meeting members were taken, Ms.Hacking, Mr.Gallagher were present and Mr.Ristuccia was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Mr. Gallagher welcomed everyone and read the media and recording notifications and welcomed the public to speak on items.

4. Minutes of the Meeting:

- a. Ms. Hacking made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 25, 2022. Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.

5. Health Agent Report

- a. Mr.Flaherty gave his report. State wide hospitalizations for COVID are at 835, up from 702. ICU admittances are at 79 up from 56. Intubations are up to 39 from 26 previously.
- b. The Community Health Nurse will be offering home bound vaccinations for home bound residents, please call 833-983-0485.
- c. "At Home" test kits are available in the Health Office during business hours. The office just acquired 3,000 more kits.
- d. Medication disposal bags are available in the Health Office, Library, COA, Recreation Center and the Fire and Police Department.
- e. Sunscreen dispensers are going up this week with the assistance of the BPW.
- f. Go to South Coast Health's website for vaccine clinic information at southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination
- g. Blood pressure/wellness clinics are continuing at the COA on June 8th and 22nd from 1-3pm
- h. One perc test was witnessed, no title 5 inspections conducted. Performed a Chapter II housing inspection and the follow up will be ongoing.

- i. Marina inspections will be conducted next week with the Harbor Master.
- j. A compliance check for all tobacco vendors was done last Monday. Unfortunately 2 retail stores sold to minors. First offense fines are now \$1000 and a 3 day suspension. Fine may seem harsh but seem to be effective. He will be in touch with the Fairhaven Neighborhood News to remind retail stores of the importance of carding potential minors who try to purchase tobacco products. Mr.Gallagher asked they could appeal. Mr.Flaherty said yes, but both locations already paid for the fine and took responsibility.

Mr.Gallagher said the Social Media has been very effective and thanks the staff for getting the tick information out there along with the most recent recall of peanut butter. Mr.Gallagher asked for a letter to be written to the BPW thanking them for help with the sunscreen dispensers. Mr.Flaherty said he will get a letter done for them.

6. 27 Silvershell Beach Drive- Septic Repair Plan Review

- a. Mr.Flaherty said the system failed due to overflow and breakout, he also said he issued an order to correct and they had a perc test done and plans were done and the homeowner is eager to install the new system. Mr.Flaherty recommends approval for permitting. Ms.Hacking made the motion to accept the plan review for 27 Silvershell Beach Drive, Mr.Gallagher seconded, vote passes.

7. 28 Winona Ave- Septic Repair Plan Review

- a. Mr. Flaherty stated the homeowners had a recent perc test. The new system to be installed will be challenging but can be done. It also asks for variances. The system is also a denitrification system. Ms.Hacking made the motion to accept the plan review for 28 Winona Ave, Mr. Gallagher seconded, vote passed.

8. 903 Sconticut Neck Rd- Title 5 Inspection Report Review.

- a. Mr. Flaherty said the inspection was done by Baystate, everything is in great shape, and the system was also pumped to check for leaks, there were no leaks. Ms.Hacking made the motion to accept the Inspection Report Review for 903 Sconticut Neck Rd, Mr.Gallagher seconded, vote passed.

9. Proposed private well testing requirements for Title 5 Inspection Reports

- a. Mr.Flaherty brought forward to the Board a Proposal to add well testing to the Title 5 Inspection reports for property transfers. He said although most of the Town is on Town water there are still a few homes on New Boston Rd and Mill Rd that have wells. He would like to see well tests done for property transfers along with the Title 5. Mr.Flaherty said he will modify the requirements and bring them forward to the Board in an upcoming meeting.

10. Marina Inspection Update

- a. Mr. Flaherty stated he had planned to conduct the Marina inspections with the Harbor Master, unfortunately the Harbor Master was unavailable and he will be conducting them shortly based on the Harbor Masters schedule.

11. Public Comment

- a. No Public Comment

12. Invoices, Correspondence & Other Business

- a. Bills are to be signed at the end of the meeting.
- b. Ms. Hacking questioned a follow up on Stipends, Mr. Gallagher asked to put it forward to the next agenda as all the members should be present to discuss the matter.

13. Next Meeting Date: June 8, 2022 at 5:00pm

- a. Ms. Hacking made the motion to adjourn at 5:20pm, Mr. Gallagher seconded, vote passed.