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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, December 7th, 2020 at 6:00pm
Location of Meeting: Connected via ZOOM, centralized at 155 Village St, Medway
Committee Members: Khalid Abdi, Michael Heavey, Eric Lindstrom, Jack Mill,
Present: Katherine Tonelli
Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal, Kelly OBrien
Call to Order: 6:01pm
Minutes Approval: October 27th, 2020 - APPROVED

- Item 1:**
32 Fisher Street
Septic Repair
Ms. Hallal pointed out to the Board that on the front of the property there is a stone embankment, and it is already 4 feet high. Mr. Heavey said that was fine.
Motion to approve with variance by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Mr. Mill. All approved.
- Item 2:**
11 Spruce Road
(Septic Repair)
Ms. Hallal noted that they are putting in an Elgin System. They also required to have a deed restriction, that will be filed at the Registry of Deeds; indicating that such a system is at the site, also inputting a pump chamber, will be getting rid of exhistng tank. Mr. Heavey noted that where it's 1,000 gallons, they would not need auxillary power, and would need an alarm system. Ms. Hallal concurred
Mr. Healey motioned to approve with restriction and variance, seconded by Mr. Mill. All approved.
- Item 3:**
95 Winthrop Street
(New Construction)
Ms. Hallal stated that this was the third septic design for review, and because of this, they are not allowed to have any variances, and will be connected to town water and septic system. They have a 24 inch water table that they have to use with the design of the septic system. Plans for the front of the house show mounding. Ms. Hallal further continued by stating they had the right set back for water line, and it took 29 minutes to go down 1 inch. Mr. Heavey asked what the issue was with the slow water decent and Ms. Hallal responded that it was packed soil. Mr. Heavey confirmed with Ms. Hallal that the house has not been built yet.
Motioned to approve by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Mr. Mill. All approved.
- Item 4:**
7 Applegate Road
(Irrigation Well)
Ms. Hallal stated that she was going to wait until she receives a better plan, and will be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Heavey stated that he wants measurements off the foundation, and that would be satisfactory; not needing to bring in a survey team. He also requested an as-built.
Motioned to approve by Mr. Heavey with the condition that there is a swing-tie, as-built sketch. Seconded by Ms. Tonelli. All approved.
- Item 5:**
135a Summer Street
(Drinking Water Well)
Ms. Hallal stated that this house is not on a septic system, and will be on sewer. She occupys an engineered plan, which notes the well is far enough from the proposed dwelling, side line, and front line. Mr. Heavey questioned if it was a potable well and Ms. Hallal confirmed.

Mr. Heavey motioned to approve, noting that they are going to have to meter their sewer. Ms. Hallal stated that she is constantly in touch with DPW who can make sure it is metered. Seconded by Mr. Mill, all approved.

Item 6:

19 Ohlson Circle
(Irrigation Well)

Ms. Hallal made a comment, stating that the irrigation would be 15 feet from side, 15 feet from house.

Motioned to approve by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Mr. Mill. All approved.

Correspondence:

Discussion of COVID-19
Vaccine Dispensing

Prior to discussion, Ms. Hallal asked if she could sign off on the discussed *Mr. Heavey approved; motioned for Ms. Hallal's signature, seconded by Mr. Mill, approved by all.*

Ms. Hallal questioned how we would do the 2021 permits; making note that all permits have been double-checked.

Mr. Heavey first motioned that Ms. Hallal could handle signatures, then Mr. Mill suggested blanket approval. Ms. O'Brien sent the list of all permits received so far, asking the Board to please reply with any questions.

Vaccine approval is anticipated on December 15th from Pfizer, and December 17th from Moderna. Mr. Heavey said that it is his understanding that the Commonwealth intends on first vaccinating the elderly, second nursing home workers, then healthcare workers, as statistics show those demographics are the most vulnerable to the virus, prior to public vaccinations. Ms. Hallal indicated that they do not know how much they will be receiving at this time.

Ms. Tonelli stated it was her understanding the National Guard would be vaccinating, and questioned if Salmon Health needs to be followed up with. Ms. Hallal stated that Salmon Health is inundated with patients and follow up at this time, but they they will do COVID-19 vaccinations; unsure of how many they can handle. Mr. Heavey stated in the past, Salmon Health set up the vaccines for H1-N1. Ms. Hallal chimed in stating that there were still a lot of things up in the air on how this is going to sort out. Ms. Hallal then directed a comment to Ms. Tonelli that she will be discussing with our Public Health nurse on Thursday about flu vaccines so a clinic could be set up; contacting her afterwards. Ms. Tonelli asked about social distancing and dispensing the vaccine as opposed to people coming within close proximity of each other – listing some locations. Ms. Hallal took Ms. Tonelli's suggestion about maybe having the clinic at the VFW. Ms. Hallal stated that maybe she would look for volunteers for injectors. Ms. Tonelli mentioned some points from a risk management perspective, and Ms. Hallal said she would discuss with Salmon Health on how to proceed with vaccinations. Ms. Hallal said she would keep the Board up-to-date on vaccinating.

**Tabled Discussion
Adjournment:**

Dogs on trails (from October 27th Meeting)

Motioned by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Mr. Mill. Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm