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Date/Time of Meeting: January 31st, 2022 at 5:30pm
Location of Meeting: [https://us02web/zoom.us/j/83358945639?pwd=d2xNK0RPLzFTZ0VRbVIT](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83358945639?pwd=d2xNK0RPLzFTZ0VRbVIT)
Meeting ID: 833 5894 5639 Passcode: 836305
Committee Members Eric Lindstrom, Jack Mill, Leanne Harris, Khalid Abdi
Present:
Town Employees Beth Hallal, Michelle Cahoon
Present:
Call to Order: 5:31pm
Minutes Review: December 21st, 2021. Two minor corrections. Ms. Hallal's last name was spelled incorrectly and the #3 was not present ahead of Whitney Road. Ms. Yarosz-Harris made a motion to approve the December 21st minutes with the two corrections. Mr. Mill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item 1: Title 5 inspector will certify the tank. No variances. Conservation is onboard. Ms. Hallal recommends that the Board approves. Mr. Mill made a motion to approve the septic repair. Mr. Abdi seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.
13 Juniper Road
(Septic Repair)

Correspondence: 1. Maternity Leave Notification from VNA, dated 2022.01.12:
Correspondence was shared with Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Mill made a motion to formally congratulate Alyssa on her impending baby. Mr. Lindstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

2. Testing Wastewater for COVID-19 Correspondence with Charles River PCD, dated 2022.01.26:
Ms. Yarosz-Harris stated that her opinion is that testing the water, without being able to discern between neighboring town's wastewater, would not be worth the money spent. Ms. Yarosz stated that there are several options for testing currently and the money could be better spent on test kits and N 95 masks.

Action Item: Mr. Lindstrom asked Ms. Hallal to reach out to other Health Agents in the region to ask about the possibility of sharing the costs of the water testing.

Ms. Yarosz-Harris asked members if anyone knew when the virus can be detected in fecal matter. No known answer to her question.

3. Minutes from Norfolk County 8 Coalition, MDPH/LBOH Webinar on 2022.01.25:

Information sent to members ahead of the meeting. Members discussed that the Biden Administration is sending out free test kits through the postal service for those who go online and request to receive. Also, some insurance companies are reimbursing individuals when receipts are provided. At the last town meeting it was discussed if the town should be test kits for first responders (including DPW); however, Michael Boynton was not in favor of doing this.

Discussion:

1. Ms. Hallal shared Town Covid numbers with the Board from the period of January 8th to January 27th. Positive cases have gone down significantly. Out of the 7.6 percent of breakthrough cases only 0.11 percent have led to hospitalizations and 0.03 percent ended in death.
2. DESE mandate for masks at school is still in place. Action Item: Mr. Lindstrom asked Ms. Hallal to put a copy of the DESE mandate on Town website.
3. Ms. Yarosz-Harris asked for an update on fluoride in town drinking water. Ms. Hallal is in contact with Barry Smith. Currently unable to get fluoride from China. Discussions around other ways to put fluoride in the water supply if the town wants this. Action Item: Mr. Lindstrom asked Ms. Hallal to draft a letter that would be sent out to dentists and oral surgeons in Medway which asks their opinion on having fluoride in town water supply as well as their recommendations for alternatives to fluoride.
4. Ms. Yarosz-Harris suggested discussing the opioid endemic/suicide at the next meeting.
5. The members agreed to hold the next meeting on February 14th and February 28th.

Adjourn:

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to end the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Mill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Next Meeting:

February 14th at 5:30pm