

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: 7/18/2022

Location of Meeting: Medway Public Library, 26 High Street Medway MA

Committee Members Roll Call Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☐

and in Attendance: Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal

Call to Order: 5:33pm

Minutes Review: 6/6/2022: *Mr. Mill made the edit that his name was spelt incorrectly. Ms. Smith pointed out that both she and Ms. Harris has the incorrect last names on the role call. Once revisions are made, the minutes are APPROVED.*
6/27/2022: *These minutes were tabled due to a date concern that will be verified for the next meeting.*

Mr. Mill made the motion to express gratitude to Ms. Hallal for her services to the Town of Medway as Health Agent. Ms. Hallal thanked Mr. Mill and the Board. *Motion was seconded by Mr. Abdi, approved by all.*

Agenda Item 1: Ms. Hallal asked to read a letter to the Board that she and Mr. Mill constructed. She described that the previous Chairperson Mr. Lindstrom had his water tested so he could sell his house and results showed that the sodium levels in his well were over the 20ml-per-liter limit. Ms. Hallal reminded the Board of a similar request where the residents asked the Board that the results *not* be recorded at the Registry of Deeds office. The letter was recited by Ms. Hallal, and in summary the letter allowed the exceeded level of sodium, and the Chair has decided to move forward with the variance request.
A motion was made by Mr. Mill to approve the letter, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.

Agenda Item 2: Ms. Hallal stated that the plans were returned to her with the updates she requested to the engineer. She made a recommendation to the Board to approve the septic repair for this 4 bedroom septic design that had a failed system.
Mr. Mill took a moment to mention "Board Approval" stickers vs. stamp; as the stamp was too costly to order with all the modifications Mr. Mill wanted done. The plans in question were passed around the table where each Board member signed for approval.
Motion was made by Mr. Mill to approve the septic repair, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.

Agenda Item 3:
251 Village Street
(irrigation well)

Ms. Hallal stated that the Salmon property wanted put in an irrigation well. Ms. Hallal stated that the plans were reviewed with the Conservation Agent, and she showed the Board where their differences were with the Engineer and the location of the well. After communicating with the engineer a few times, an agreement was made to where the well should be.

Mr. Abdi made the motion to approve the irrigation well, seconded by Mr. Mill, approved by all.

Discussion(s): Proposition of advisory group for new Health Agent: Ms. Hallal spoke to the Board of a conversation that she and Mr. Mill had about her replacement. Mr. Mill asked to propose an advisory group of three members from the Board to Michael Boynton, the Town Manager. The Board discussed this topic, and it was concluded that Ms. Harris will draft a letter that will formally ask Mr. Boynton if the Board can be part of the hiring process.
Mr. Mill made the motion to approach Mr. Boynton via formal letter about being part of the hiring process for the new Health Agent. Seconded by Mr. Abdi, approved by all.

Mr. Abdi indirectly asked what was to be expected between Ms. Hallal's departure and the entrance of the new Health Agent. Ms. Hallal stated to the Board that she also is an insured outside contractor, with her rates at \$100.00 per hour. Ms. Hallal has shared this information with the Town Manager's office in case there is a need for her assistance. The Board was appreciative of Ms. Hallal's offer to divert disruption in the office workflow. Mr. Abdi then asked how long Ms. Guindon would remain as taking the minutes, and Ms. Hallal stated that Ms. Guindon is no longer taking them, and will be replaced as night secretary.

Mr. Abdi brought to the Board's attention that there are no trash cans in Choate Park and asked for an explanation. Ms. Hallal's response to Mr. Abdi was the times the trash cans are used, they are overflowing with trash. Ms. Hallal stated that this is just a trial; wanting to see the response of the public.

Correspondence: Ms. Hallal stated that she would send the Board these numbers, but the latest numbers for
Arbovirus West Nile Virus and EEE Virus is for 625. Ms. Harris stated that she has been getting in
Surveillance touch with parks about bat houses but took a short break on doing so because of vacation
Progress Report time but will be starting up again. Ms. Harris is holding off on planting

Tabled Items:

- Review of minutes from June 27th, (minutes on agenda are dated as 06.20.2022, clarification was requested)

Committee Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☐
Member Exit
Roll: Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

Next Meeting 8/1/2022
Date:

Adjourn: 5:59pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelly OBrien on 2022.07.28