

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, February 5th 2024

Location of Meeting: Medway Public Library – 26 High Street 1st floor conference room

Committee Members Roll Call Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☐ Caryn Smith ☒
and in Attendance: Cristina St. Pierre ☒ Amie Rotondi ☒

Visitors Present: Hannah Kowalski - Dandelion Energy

Town Employees Present: Derek Kwok, Justin Tucker (Secretary)

Call to Order: 6:04pm

Minutes Review: December 18, 2023 - *Tabled*, January 8, 2024 – *Approved with revisions*

Agenda Item 1:
24 Kimberly Drive
(Closed Loop
GeoThermal Well)

Ms. Kowalski, permit coordinator and geologist from Dandelion energy, was present to inform about the GeoThermal Well. She explained the homeowner wants to get rid of the existing furnace and replace it with a GeoThermal Well. Ms. Kowalski explained how the well works. Ms. Kowalski explained the system does get the owner off of burning fossil fuels, but also uses more electricity. Ms. Kowalski explained that the loop is good for 100 years and the furnace is good for 25-30 years. Ms. Kowalski explained that the drill has a small footprint and is not as large as drilling for a water well. The drilling goes to a dumpster on site so there is no need for a slurry pit. Mr. Kwok explained that the closed loop means there is no mixing with groundwater, so there is no concern of contamination like open loop GeoThermal wells. Mr. Kwok asked who does the pressure test to which Ms. Kowalski explained the drilling is done in house, so they would provide the pressure test. Ms. Kowalski explained they pull a building permit to remove the existing oil tank and burner to document that it has been removed safely with no spillage.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. St. Pierre, approved by all.

New Business

1. Mr. Kwok met with an emergency preparedness planner and they walked the middle school, which is one of the EDS sites. They will probably do a staff notification drill sometime in March. Mr. Kwok stated should be able to send an email out a week in advance.

Discussion

1. Tracking Mental Health Data in Schools - Ms. Smith reported there were no updates.
2. Body Art Regulations – Apprenticeships and Practitioners Mr. Kwok informed he is still working on the regulations and will hopefully have a draft by the next meeting.

Committee Member Roll Call to Complete Meeting:

Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☐ Caryn Smith ☒
Cristina St. Pierre ☒ Amie Rotondi ☒

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 4th, 2024

Adjourn: 6:45

Respectfully submitted by Justin Tucker