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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 6:00pm
Location of Meeting: Connected via ZOOM, centralized at 155 Village St, Medway
Committee Members Present: Khalid Abdi, Eric Lindstrom, Jack Mill, Katherine Tonelli
Visitors Present: Joe Caliguri, 215 Village St Unit C
Colleen Caliguri, 215 Village St Unit C
Fulvio Verissimo, 217 Village Street
Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal, Kelly OBrien, Brenda Hamlin (Animal Control)
Call to Order: 6:06pm
Minutes Review: January 25th - APPROVED

Moment of Silence for Michael Heavey *Mr. Mill initiated the moment of silence and heads were bowed for approximately 1 minute for the passing of Mr. Heavey. It was then noted by Mr. Lindstrom that he was a great man and the town would feel the loss. Ms. Hallal concurred stating that she misses him a lot already as they talked regularly. Mr. Lindstrom asked the Board if anyone wanted to give a synopsis to our guests as to why we this moment of silence. Ms. Hallal stated that Mr. Heavey was a longstanding chairperson on our Board; being a great asset to the town and especially the Board of Health.*

Item 1: Board Re-Organization Mr. Mill made the motion to nominate Mr. Lindstrom as the new Chair for the Board of Health, being seconded by Mr. Abdi; all in favor. Mr. Lindstrom is officially the new Chair of the Board of Health for the Town of Medway

Item 2: 217 Village St Chicken Coop Ms. Hallal described that 217 Village has 2.9 acres; appropriate for the requested 8-12 chickens. Initially the coop was too close to the property line, but after a discussion with the applicants, the coop was moved. Inspected by ACO Brenda Hamlin, it is confirmed they are now compliant. Mr. Lindstrom asked if all parties involved were present and it was confirmed that one immediate abutter was present but documentation received by both complaintants was emailed to all Board members for review. Mr. Lindstrom asked to hear directly from the attending complaintants. Mr. Caliguri started by speaking on behalf of his neighbor, (*Lori Vanaria - absent from meeting, documentation submitted*) stating she was potentially putting her home on the market and the coop is visual from their properties during the winter and fall months. In addition, the feathers had historically blown over to their properties. Mr. Caliguri then went on to say that the neighbors at 217 Village addressed the feathers and that has since been taken care of. Mr. Caliguri continued with they are bothered that the owners at 217 Village cannot see their own coop, as it's placed in a way that it's blocked by their own garage, but is visual to him and Ms. Vanaria. Mr. Caliguri's final mention was that he'd be happy to approve to the coop; he just doesn't like where its placed. Ms. Caliguri then chimed in stating that the homeowners of 217 Village violated zoning bylaws; as she never received a certified letter of notification. Ms. Hallal noted that she has proof of several delivery attempts made by USPS. Mr. Caliguri then stated that the letters were then sent *after* the coop

was erected. Ms. Hallal questioned how he knew the letters were sent *after* the coop was erected if the letters were never received? She then concluded that after a full review of the bylaws, demographics, and written concerns, she recommends that the Board approve the permit. Mr. Mill asked if Ms. Hamlin looked at the coop she stated that it was “the best built coop she’s ever seen and the fowl are very well-protected.” In addition, Mr. Abdi made note that the residents at 217 Village are within their rights to have their coop. Mr. Lindstrom stated he was sympathetic to their concerns surrounding the cosmetics of the coop, molting, and smell. He asked if they spoke to the neighbors, and they said no because of COVID. Mr. Lindstrom suggested that this get tabled until the spring to make sure feathers aren’t flying around, suggesting rocks. Ms. Hallal made the comment that said regulations don’t state where they have to put the coop. Mr. Caliguri wanted to note for the record that “he does not feel confident that they attempted to contact them to the best of their ability.” Ms. Caliguri stated that looking out every window from her residence they are able to see the coop. Mr. Lindstrom stated that while he was there observing the coop, location, etc..., he noticed that 215 Village had a lot of windows, but 217 Village can see it from their windows. For cosmetic reasons, Mr. Caliguri offered to split the cost of siding so it matches the home at 217 Village.

Motion made by Mr. Lindstrom to approve permit. Seconded by Mr. Mill, all in favor. On a side note, Ms. Hamlin asked either Mr. or Ms. Caliguri to call her. Mr. Caliguri inquired why she needed a call which prompted the response of their dogs being unlicensed.

Item 3:
2 Skyline Dr
(Trash Disposal)

Due to personal conflicts, Mr. Lindstrom will refrain from this discussion. Because Ms. Hallal has been unable to contact anyone within the Municipality of Dover, this is put on hold until further notice. Ms. Hallal will continue to exhaust her attempts to contact someone at Dover and let the homeowner at 2 Skyline know.

Item 4:
11 Independence Ln
(Well)

Ms. Hallal stated that this application was completed perfectly, attached to a perfect plan, with the location in the correct spot. This has been reviewed by Conservation and Ms. Hallal recommended approval.

Mr. Mill motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Abdi, all approved.

Item 5:
3 Indian Creek Rd
(Septic Repair)

Six bedroom plan was reviewed by Ms. Hallal who stated there was a 60-minute perk with no variances. This has been reviewed by Conservation and Ms. Hallal recommended approval.

Motioned for approval by Mr. Lindstrom, seconded by Mr. Mill, all approved.

Item 6:
95 Winthrop St
(New Septic System)

Already approved, had issue with location of driveway. Utility co did not want driveway on easement, so they had to move driveway to go over septic system. 4 bedroom new construction. 30 minute rate. Everything in order. Jack mill motion to approve, Eric seconded, all approved.

Tabled Items From
Last Meeting

1. Farm Animal Permit at 217 Village – please refer to Item 1.
2. Plastic bags – it has been confirmed with the Shaws Manager that they are using paper bags, even though customers are complaining, they are remaining compliant with Medway’s bylaws.
3. The D&D complaint is now under the jurisdiction of Zoning, and are working with the concerned citizens directly.
4. It has been confirmed that any bee hives located within the town of Medway are not are not within the Eversource right-of-way.
5. Contract Tracing with BOH / Medway Businesses – Ms. OBrien sent a letter to all Medway businesses regarding COVID cases, asking them to contact BOH should an employee or customer contract COVID.

6. 2021 Permits – Approximately 125 permits were signed on behalf of the Board. All permits were double-checked to confirm that appropriate documentation was attached to all applications.

Correspondence Ms. Hallal wanted to pass on information to the Board that massDOT was decreasing their services by 10% with the suspicions that this was due to more telecommuting.

Next Meeting Monday, April 5th at 6:00pm

Tabled Items: 217 Village – for spring
2 Skyline- until we can contact Dover. Ms. Hallal to continue contact attempts

Adjournment: 6:54pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelly O'Brien on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021