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Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for October 22, 2019, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 3

Attendees: Arthur Borden, Chairman; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent

Absent: Eric Mueller, Member

Meeting called to order, by Mr. Borden, at 5:00 PM

Public Hearings:

No Public Hearings scheduled.

Discussion:

- Halloween Recommendations –

Mr. Forgue – With the suggested modifications to the original email, it looks good. It says what is supposed to say. It recommends following protocol set forth by the DPH; hopefully people adhere to it.

Mr. Borden – At Daylight Savings changeover, we will change time restrictions to 4:00PM; we are hoping for a freeze before then.

Debbie Orth –

My husband was perceived to have had EEE; it has not been confirmed or denied. I don't know what the recommendations were. It is not a pleasant experience. Mr. Borden – We started very early with a dusk to dawn ban in place. We shortly thereafter went to a specific time as there was confusion over the times for dusk/dawn. We are now waiting on a hard freeze. We can only apply this time restriction to Town owned properties, but we hope people are following the protocol. This is a big deal; they are

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saying that next year will probably be worse. Mrs. Orth – We had our yard sprayed several times over the summer; my husband was very vigilant. Mr. Forgue – We were discussing Halloween – There is still a threat for EEE and we are suggesting that all Halloween activities are completed by 5:00PM; use bug spray and keep covered. This will be on the website tomorrow morning. We have been pretty consistent with setting times to be about an hour variance from dusk and dawn. The seriousness of it is finally sinking in. Mrs. Orth – It is a miserable situation; my husband passed away on September 12, 2019. If there is anything I can do, let me know. This is my mission.

Emily Slavin – Recreation Coordinator and Mary Ross, Chairman –

Ms. Slavin - I want you to know what my position is in Town and that I would like to work with you. I am the liaison for all sports in this Town; if they need to use a field, it goes through me. My position is to set rules and regulations for those fields in Town. This threat sounds like something that will continue in our future. We all want the utmost safety for our children. We do charge a user fee per athlete/per hour. They pay us whether they use the fields or not. We want to keep our fees to a minimum. Any indoor space is very expensive to utilize. We don't have enough in this town so they need to go outside of this town. I have been very diligent with making sure they were following times. Right now we have soccer and football. I have called other towns and their times are different from ours. I just want to understand. Mr. Borden – Rather than having Kevin go out every week, we looked at the end of the month sunset time and used that for guidance for the whole month. So our times are based on that. I am appalled at the other towns for not taking it more serious. Ms. Slavin – The other critical towns are still doing bans just a little different on times. Mr. Borden – We started just saying dusk to dawn but everyone has their own opinion. Ms. Slavin – I understand their concerns, but with other towns being later it causes issues. The football team is utilizing fields in Plymouth by the water. I would like to work on setting up some type of communication system that would give me a heads up so I can roll out the information. Coaches/Schools do not want their children at risk but they want to be able to support the teams/parents. Mr. Forgue – We will be a lot better prepared next year. We are going to anticipate that this will be around next year. We can start a dialogue earlier, maybe even in April. Ms. Slavin – They were very diligent with spraying players before field time; they took it very seriously. Mr. Borden – We started "spray to play" last year, but this year we were hit so quickly, we weren't ready. Ms. Slavin – The teams may start asking for rebates for not being able to use the fields. The turf is rented and the school took a big hit as they couldn't use it. We are taking it very seriously but still need to be able to answer questions. Mrs. Ross – Did you make a determination on Halloween Activities? Mr. Borden – We are strongly suggesting that things wrap up prior to 5:00 PM. Ms. Slavin – MYREC.com is a way to distribute the information. We have about 400 families on there. We also work with the schools which have their own apps to get information out. I can also do a blast email on the rec email.

- Nuisance Regulations –

Mr. Forgue - I have examples of what other towns do (these were distributed to the Board Members.) One of the issues is defining what a nuisance is. This will probably take a few meeting to come up with something, submit to town attorney and adopt. I get a lot of calls on just this type of thing.

- Alcohol Abuse Help –

Some information that I had, turned out to be a "for profit" agency, which we can't use. I do want to augment what we have on the site right now. We don't have much that is geared toward alcohol. Mr. Callis – This is an area I have worked in. I would like to propose a couple of options to you. Mr. Forgue – Absolutely! Mr. Callis - If we are linked directly to a credible source, we won't have to update the content.

- Ticket Book for illegal dumping –

Mr. Forgue passed around the ticket book. This could also be used for other by-Law / Regulation violations. I had two made; one for us and one for the police. Mr. Callis – I like that it is not overly constructed.

Other Business:

Minutes – September 17, 2019

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 17, 2019, as written: Mr. Borden

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Correspondence:

Mr. Forgue – Michelle will be sending out reminders to all of the donation box locations reminding them that they need to get a permit and pay a fee. I can follow up with a visit in January if I haven't received applications and payments.

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.□

Adjournment –

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Motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM: Mr. Borden

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: ☐ Unanimous (2-0)