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Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for November 15, 2022, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 4

Attendees: Eric Mueller, Chairman; Arthur Borden, Member; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent

Absent:

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

Public Hearings:

None tonight.

Discussion:

- Excellence Grant (Kingston, Plymouth, Carver, Wareham, Plympton and now Duxbury)
Mr. Forgue –
 1. Duxbury was not part of the group. They were originally a part of the group but then their TA had to approve, which he has now done. Mike Hugo felt that it would benefit everyone in the group, to include Duxbury.
 2. A statement was made that the characteristics of the towns are similar except for Duxbury; however, health is the same everywhere.
 3. We made our first official hiring for a Public Health Nurse. Her services will be shared amongst the 6 Towns. I met with her today to discuss the services we need. The EMS has taken some of the services of the VNA (Blood pressure, etc.). I would like to come up with a plan to fill in the holes that the VNA used to do. She will be very helpful, including maintaining the MAVEN data. She raised a question re: liability. The state has indicated that each Town will need to make her an agent which will place her under the Town umbrella. I am still researching exact language that we need. She should be starting within the next few weeks. Six Towns is a lot to handle, but Duxbury will only utilize her when their Public Health Nurse is busy.
 4. We are now meeting every Thursday. My hope is that after a few months, there won't be a need for weekly meetings.
 5. We are hiring a food inspector. Carver doesn't have a great need for that. It will be helpful when I do find a violation; that position can do the follow up.
- Plymouth Street Area – Municipal water service connections
Mr. Forgue – Right now, we have five homes left to connect. There were three more homes (2 on Green St and 1 on Plymouth St) that became necessary to hook up. These were live taps. Mr. Callis - Is there any home that has not responded to you? Mr. Forgue – I believe only one or two on Captain Perkins. I feel that is because they are only getting negative tests.
- Letter from Langdon Environmental and Geologic Field Service regarding use of wells for irrigation in the Plymouth Street area –

Mr. Forgue - I asked them to prepare a definitive letter. My interpretation from their letter is that they don't want them to remain active. At some point, it may require the Board to require a tie in.

- Discussion relative to the Planning Board's continued misinterpretation of wells and protected zones when reviewing site development plans –

Mr. Forgue – They are applying state regulations for a non-transit community water supply. That's a supply that is servicing more than 25 people. This is just a well. Do we want to create a letter to educate them? The alternative would be to invite a few members of the Planning Board to a sit down. Mr. Mueller – We could have an educational gathering and just show them our regulations. Mr. Forgue – I have to follow up on a couple of letters that I have written.

Mr. Forgue - The Planning Board is also including us in things that we are not able to do. I have a letter to the Town Planner that I am waiting for a response on. Mr. Mueller – There is no follow up on conditions set. In some Towns, it's the Planner. Mr. Borden – Once it's signed off on it is hard to enforce with an annual permit. Mr. Mueller – A place like Shaw's must need a yearly license? Mr. Forgue – Yes, they do. Mr. Mueller – The Planner would need an assistant if that were to fall on him. Mr. Forgue – Operations and Maintenance just hired another guy. Mr. Fennessey approached me about Earth Removal permits and making sure conditions are being followed. Ultimately, it is not the Towns responsibility. Mr. Mueller – We should have a general discussion with the Planning Board. Mr. Forgue – Maybe we can set it up with a select few; just a quick 30 minutes or so.

- Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Mr. Forgue – The building where the newest doggie day care went in (the former Re-Store location), inquired about providing grooming services. I looked through the decision and there is nothing there. Mr. Mueller – They may need a two-compartment tank with filters? The existing system was put in 1978. Mr. Forgue – At the minimum we need a Title V and a presentation from them of exactly what they are intending to do. I will talk to Tom when he gets back and will keep you posted.

Other Business:

Minutes – September 20, 2022

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 20, 2022, as written: Mr. Callis
Second: Mr. Borden*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Correspondence:

Nothing tonight

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be December 20, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. [SEP]

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Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM: Mr. Callis
Second: Mr. Borden
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*