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Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for May 16, 2023, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 4

Attendees: Arthur Borden, Member; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent

Absent: Eric Mueller, Chairman

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

In the audience tonight we welcomed more than a dozen Civics students from the Carver High School.

Public Hearings:

None Tonight

Discussion:

- 160 Plymouth Street – Posted ‘unsafe’ per Board of Health.

Mr. Forgue – This is a home that about 3 years ago was in really poor repair. Someone purchased and rehabbed the property. He rents it out and the tenants have not been good tenants. The condition of the home is horrible. I got involved as the owner of the home was there to open the back bulkhead for the plumber. When he arrived, the door was kicked open, windows broken, etc. He called the police who in turn called me. The condition of the house was very poor. Unsafe, unsanitary, uneaten food left out for long periods of time, etc. Because of that, I posted the home as unsafe, citing housing code violations. I have been in touch with the owner and his attorney. I am awaiting to hear back from his attorney. No one should be in the house. I noticed a dumpster there and I don't think it's the owner. It's a 20-yard dumpster and it is already full. Mr. Callis – Were there any pets? Mr. Forgue – Yes, there were two cats locked in the bathroom. I will keep an eye on the situation. The laws are very challenging for owners with tenants. I will keep you all posted.

- 18 Cross Street – Request for Enforcement – Animal complaint

Mr. Forgue – This is the property where the Alpaca's are (Child's Play). The owner submitted a written complaint on the adjoining farmer; there are two that are leasing property from the owner. We have had issues with one of the tenants before. This is the one that had issues with containing his bull last year. Evidently, they not only had that bull but they have two others. There is issue with them getting out and causing havoc with other farm animals. I would like to discuss with the Board the next steps with working with this tenant.

The Board was in agreement to work with the owner and tenant. Mr. Forgue - I will send a letter to the tenant, as well. I have reached out to Animal Control. I would prefer not to remove the animals at this time. If we can't rectify this situation, soon, we may need to do that.

*Motion to allow our Agent to continue to work with the tenant at 18 Cross Street: Mr. Borden
Second: Mr. Callis
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

- Plymouth Street area public water connections – Mr. Forgue – Only a couple left; we are close. I am working with the son of an elderly woman who lives in one of them.

I have spoken with Westend Well drilling to discuss decommissioning the wells, which is part of the DEP requirements. Some will be very easy but some may be a little more complicated. I will be meeting with Westend Well Drilling soon. If it is over \$10K, we will have to go out to bid. Mr. Callis – Is there a deadline? Mr. Forgue – No.

- Sealer of Weights and Measurers

Mr. Forgue – We discovered that the Weights and Measure person is no longer looking at Carver. We have reached out to the person that does that for Middleboro and he is willing to do it for Carver. We will need to work out payment, etc. We have a meeting set up for later next week.

- Excellence Grant –

Mr. Forgue – The excellence grant, DPH (Shared Services Grant) – We had originally discussed Public health nurse, food inspector. We are now looking at additional services of an epidemiologist and a social worker. We were just informed our share in the grant is now \$510K per year. That should help to pay for the additional services.

The Public Health Nurse started last week. She will go to the COA to support EMS blood pressure clinics, etc. She is also setting up seminars for things like fall prevention and nutrition. She will be splitting up her time with the six towns. There are some things that we won't participate in such as food inspection; I do that. If the Town is doing work prior to the grant, you can't utilize the grant money. Kingston was the Host Community and the Board agreed that Kingston was not fulfilling its duty. We voted to bring that responsibility to Plymouth.

Other Business:

Minutes – April 12, 2023

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 12, 2023, as written: Mr. Callis
Second: Mr. Borden*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Correspondence:

Nothing tonight

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be June 20, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. 

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:23 PM: Mr. Borden

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)