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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

November 16, 2022

4:00 P.M.

**Present: William David Souza, Chairman
Glenn Lawrence
Sarah Tisdale Eby - Absent**

**Karen A. Walega, Health Director
Lori Walsh, Board Administrator
Mick Colageo, The Wanderer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

1. Review Minutes – September 7, 2022

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes for September 7, 2022.
Chairman Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

1. Letter to Andrew Fisher – Re: 655 County Road, West Wareham
Variance Request. There is a well in the basement and Mr. Fisher does not want it there.
The Board discussed this matter and stated that if he drills a new well, the variance is not necessary.
**Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the variance.
Chairman Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.**
2. Personnel Board request for step increase for Administrative Assistant
3. 515 Rounseville Road Complaint
Health Director, Karen Walega updated the Board and told them that nothing has been done at the property. She will contact Town Counsel to speak to the son again. The Board voted that it will not clean the lot up. Karen will ask Blair to speak to the son again.
4. DEP Public Water Supply at Gateway to Cape Cod
Health Director, Karen Walega discussed the well issue during the Summer and that they had to boil water because of the issue.

SIGNATURE:

1. Regulation Amendment to – Section 15.221 (5), General Construction requirement for all System Components.
The Board signed the Amendment.

2. Rules and Regulations for Town of Rochester

The Board signed the Rules and Regulations and said to send a copy to DEP and to the Town Clerk's Office.

UPDATE:

1. 167 Cushman Road Order

Health Director Karen Walega updated the Board and told them that she talked to Annie Estabrook the Animal Control Officer and she is supposed to go out there. They will have to get rid of the animals. She believes they are going to bring them to an auction.

2. MBTA Site Concerns – No action taken

3. Update on odor complaint

Health Director Karen Walega updated the Board and told them that there was an issue with an odor coming from the dumpster. They put enzymes in the dumpster and it helped. They also switched dumpster locations putting the card board dumpster closest to the abutters fence.

4. Submittal of fee for Trailside Estates Review

They paid the fee but nothing has been done yet.

5. Modification Sub-Division plan for Connet Woods Dated 09/06/2022

Health Director, Karen Walega said that the developer is meeting with the Planning Board. They want to put three houses in. They were approved for ten but only want to put in three. We will await Planning Board decision and Kenny Motta's review of the project.

ANY OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

New DEP Regulations being proposed for Nitrogen Reduction


Health Director, Karen Walega updated the Board and told them that the new DEP Regulations are being proposed for Nitrogen Reduction for all septic installations. The Board said to see if we can work with DEP. Right now is the comment period of the proposal for the new regulations. Karen Walega said this is not the time to be asking homeowners to increase costs for nitrogen reduction technology.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 P.M.

Chairman Souza seconded the motion. All Were in favor. Motion passes.

Date: December 7, 2022


William David Souza, Chairman


Lori Walsh, Board Administrator