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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 14, 2020

ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairwoman

Michael Meagher, Member

Joseph Tevald, Interim Health Agent Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Meeting Open: 5:05 PM

AGENDA:

First on the agenda is 11 Ashcroft Terrace, 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance. Jim said this is a 2 bedroom dwelling and the present system is old and in failure. Jim told the Board that the new system will be conventional stone and pipe. The variance request is;

REGULATION: GROVELAND REGULATION B-III-10(b), REQUIRED: A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM A WETLAND, STREAM, POND OR LAKE, PROVIDED: 90 FEET BETWEEN SAS AND WETLANDS Meagher made a motion to approve 1 variance request for 11 Ashcroft Terrace pending approval from Conservation Commission, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Second on the agenda is health agent update. The Board asked Joe about the complaint we received about Heart of Stone in Elm Park offering curbside viewing of jewelry and pick-up. Joe said he conducted an inspection at the Board's request. Joe said he informed the owner that at this point in time this business is not considered essential. The owner was agreeable and said she would remove signage from the store window and the curbside. The Board stated that customers will have to order items from their website and have the items shipped. Joe said we received several complaints about the Tea Garden on Mother's Day. Joe said the complaints were too many customers waiting in the Tea Garden foyer for take-out. Joe said he reiterated COVID protocols with the owner and the owner realizes if he gets very busy, customers will have to wait in their cars until their food is ready. Joe said, as the Board is aware, we received a complaint about Jeff & Maria's employees not wearing masks. Joe said every time he has done an unannounced inspection, the employees and Jeff have been masked and gloved. Joe said that Jeff told him he will be installing a second window. Jeff told Joe one

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window for placing your order and the other window for pick-up which will reduce the number of people waiting in line. Joe said the Board is also aware of the complaint we received from an employee at Chesterton stating that 2 employees tested positive and they are in the building working. Joe told the Board he conducted an inspection of Chesterton last Friday and spoke with one of the vice presidents of the company and the director of human resources. Joe said the vice president told him that they did have 2 employees test positive and they did not return to work and are in quarantine at home for 14 days. Joe told the Board he toured the entire facility again and they are doing everything by the book. The Board addressed the notice the office received about exhuming a grave and relocating the grave to another area of the River Pines Cemetery. Lori told the Board that the town clerk learned that no permit is issued from the Board of Health. Lori said the town clerk stated this would be handled by the town clerk being the burial agent for the town and the cemetery commissioners.

Next on the agenda is public health nurse update. Claire told the Board that we have 24 total cases and 8 active. Claire and Kadar-Hull discussed the misconception of once someone has completed 14 days of quarantine that the person does not have to be retested before returning to work. Claire said she has had to reinforce to several people that they must be retested. The Board told Claire to contact the pharmacist at CVS to begin planning for flu clinics in the fall. The Board asked Lori to check with COA about advertising the flu clinics in the COA newsletter.

Kadar-Hull said we received an email today regarding Federal Cares Act COVID emergency funding that we will be receiving. The areas of allowable funding are additional hours for Board of Health staff, food pantries, support for people in quarantine. Meagher asked Claire if she follows up with people in quarantine to check if they need anything and Claire said yes she does. The Board asked Lori to check with Lynne Stanton to see if she needs funds to stock our COA food pantry.

Meeting adjourned: 6:31 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed. Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.