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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2022

7:00 PM Salisbury Town Hall

Board Members Present:

Ron Laffely, Jill Tapper, Denise Petersen, Sue Ring

Board Members Absent:

Dan Richard

Staff:

John Morris-Health Director, Richard Berube, Deputy Health Director

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of December 7, 2021 Minutes

(Ms. Ring) makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. (Ms. Tapper) seconds that motion. 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed. Minutes are signed.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of 9/7/21 meeting

(Ms. Petersen) makes a motion to accept the session minutes as written. (Ms. Tapper) seconds that motion. 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed. Session minutes are signed.

Old Business- Continued Review of Updated Regulations

(Mr. Morris) states the remaining regulations to discuss is Chapter 5-Section 10; Dumpster Regulations. This would be a new regulation for the Town. The Board approved all the rest of the changes, updates etc. This is the last chapter needing approval. (Mr. Morris) states Mr. Richard wanted to go over these regs at another meeting but that meeting was cancelled. (Mr. Morris) states he wants to finalize and pass the regulations so the whole document is not held up. Mr. Morris explains that these exact regulations were used in Amesbury. He states that some of the problems

have to do with pick up times and debris flying everywhere as the dumpster is overflowing by not being maintained. This will require the applicant to show where on the plan it's going to be placed; such as a safe distance from the property line, enclosed on a platform and not blowing on a public way. This will also require an annual permit and there will also be an enforcement mechanism. This was an effective tool in Amesbury and especially in a couple of the shopping plazas. They been in place in Amesbury for about 10 years.

(Mr. Laffely) inquires if there is a regulation pertaining to smells/odors from a dumpster or any special conditions in the regulations for a smelly condition or if it's repeatedly done? **(Mr. Morris)** states that you can enforce it with a fine, take the permit away or tell them to remove the dumpster. Mr. Morris continues that if there is a constant odor issue, it can become a public nuisance issue and the Town can issue a \$1k fine/day. He then refers to the 'Cleanliness' regulation (5.10.010) (page 77 of regulations). He would also use the Public Health Section for enforcement purposes.

(Mr. Laffely) states that when someone starts a business and they have a dumpster, the Fire Department at one time wanted to know where the dumpster was located in case of a fire. He did not see any mention of this in the regulations. **(Mr. Morris)** responds that the Fire Department doesn't hand out permits for dumpsters any longer. Mr. Morris states he will coordinate with Mr. Murphy so he has a copy of the layout.

(Ms. Petersen) inquires where it mentions the mapping of the dumpster or where it is located. **(Mr. Morris)** responds that because the placement requires a plan, that it would be under permit section, i.e., size of dumpster/if placed on town property, purpose etc. Also, one can refer to the section that talks about the property line; minimum feet from another building, 20 feet from wetland.

(Mr. Morris) states that in summary these regulations are aimed at keeping the dumpsters clean, closed, emptied etc. The Town can have people increase their pick-up schedules or modify their schedule.

(Mr. Laffely) states that dumpsters also need Planning Board approval once plans are submitted. **(Mr. Morris)** states when he is reviewing site plans he does check to see where the dumpsters are placed. The review process heads off potential problems.

MOTION

(Ms. Ring) makes a motion to accept the amended regulations as written, including the new Dumpster Regulations. **(Ms. Petersen)** seconds that motion. 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed.

New Business – Covid-19 booster vaccination update

(Mr. Morris) states a clinic was held on December 29th at the Salisbury Elementary School. All types of shots are available, even the flu shot. He states there are also clinics being held at the Salisbury Senior Center on January 8th and January 22nd. He is awaiting more information on the 12+ boosters from the CDC. Once that happens, the Lower Merrimack Valley group will hold registration for that.

(Mr. Laffely) inquires about new pills that are available. (Mr. Morris) states they are like an anti-biotic. (Ms. Ring) states they are a treatment; not a substitution for the vaccine.

(Ms. Petersen) inquires as to the positivity rate for Salisbury. (Mr. Morris) responds that the rates are getting higher; 11.2 as of now.

Health Officer and Nurse Reports –October -December 2021

(Mr. Morris) states the BOH Admin will do all Health Officer reports through December 2021 and the Nurse Reports will be completed. If the next meeting is not until April, the second quarter reports will be completed also.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

(Mr. Laffely) requests not to hold meetings due to an expected surge in the virus in the next few months. He states the Board will be available to the Health Director for meetings for enforcement for either of the monthly scheduled dates and asks members to please be available if needed. He states that there will be no meetings for February and March unless, again, one is needed. He states that his opinion is that it is important to meet in person and not on Zoom. Members that are present agree.

MOTION

(Ms. Ring) makes a motion that the Board be on recess until the first week in April. (Ms. Petersen) seconds that motion. 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed.

ADJOURN

(Ms. Ring) motions to adjourn; Ms. Tapper seconds. All vote in favor to adjourn, 0 opposed.

Regular public meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM

Date: 4-5-22

Sue Ring

Ron Laffely

Jill Tapper 4/5/22

Absent
Denise Petersen

Respectfully submitted by Teresa K. Mahoney

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