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Board of Health Meeting at Town Hall BOH Office February 3rd, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Open Public Meeting 5:35 Duane Pease, Nicholas Chiusano (chair), Elizabeth Massa, Via Zoom: Elaine Gilmore, Norma Mac Donald

Agenda Reminder that all votes are to be by roll call

Approve last meeting minutes of November 17th, 2022. DP motion, all approved

-Increase plan review fee to \$120.00 per Health Agent fees. Discussion of some septic installations are having more than two inspections, it needs to be added to the fee list an additional inspection fee because we are getting charged by the health Agent additional fees, cost to be \$150.00 for each additional septic inspection over two. Septic plan review to be \$150.00 NC motion, all approved

-Create and set fee for alternative housing permit In April of 2023 there are some changes to the Housing Code including a Permit for Alternative Housing for buildings on land that are not "homes". This Permit includes inspections, public hearings, a deed restriction, written statements by the owner and more in order for the property owner to be able to have this type of dwelling. Inspections will also be required by electrical, building and plumbing/gas but fees will not be covered under the BOH permit. Health Agents recommended a fee set and a permit form constructed. Fee agreed to be set at \$500.00 DP motion, all approved

-Status of condemned properties reviewed 80 Route 20, owner has failed to clean up property, town is now authorized to clean up and remove all vehicles. 8 Emery Street condemned, owner has failed to clean up property, town is now authorized to demolish the building. 1 Crane Road, owner has failed to clean up property, court ordered to appoint receiver, decision whether bank will take or town will appoint receiver next week. Also reviewed all properties with court action in the last 60 days, and properties in failed Title V Status: 627 Skyline, 15 Maple Street, 64 Smith Road, 171 Prospect Street, all failed. 217 Route 20 has produced a septic plan, closing will be Feb 14th. 664 Route 20 condemned and now accepted with State Receivership program. 487 East River Road condemned, owner has boarded and secured it is for sale. 50 Smith Road, condemned, re-visit this for demo in the Spring. Building dept. enforcing \$100/day fine. 189 Route 20 abandoned going to tax taking July. Reviewed quotes for demo from contractors: bids from Associated Building Wreckers and M & M Site serves, lowest bid is for M & M 8 Emery Street \$20,800 and 80 Route 20 \$23,500 all info to be given to the BOS and work scheduled. NC motion to set deadline for 1 Crane Road decision to February and not extend any more time to the homeowner for either clean up or receivership as it seems the bank is stalling. NC motion, all approved.

-Senior work off program for the transfer station DP would like to advertise and promote the Chester Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off Program for an alternate at the transfer station, either Wed or Sat available or both.

-Swap Shed and RDP grant funds discussion on recycling grant funds to be spent on a swap shed or cardboard compactor. RDP funds can only be used for recycling expenses. Town residents have asked for a swap shed; DP suggests a metal walk in container similar to Middlefield. EM suggests a wooded shed like we have for Universal waste. NC to get prices on both.

And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting Milling on Prospect Street has been asked to be used at the Transfer Station in June. Discussion of a \$75.00 paper permit fee to be added to the fee schedule for those

who do not want to use the online Permit Eyes Portal for BOH permits. DP motion, all approved.

Meeting will adjourn 6:15 pm adjourned roll call

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*approved april 21st, 2023
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