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Board of Health Meeting Town Hall June 27th, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Open Public Meeting 5:05 pm

Duane Pease (DP), Nicholas Chiusano, Chair (NC), Elizabeth Massa, Clerk (EM), Craig Gauthier (BOS), Charlie Kanieicki, Health Agent

Agenda

- Approve last meeting minutes of April 18th, 2024. DP motion, all approved.
- 50 Smith Road cleanup Condemned property. CK recommendation is to wait until the end of August as the owners stated in previous discussion e-mail that that would be when the clean-up would be completed. DP motion to for owners to complete cleanup of 50 Smith Road by August 31, 2024, all approved.
- 8 Emery Street tiny house no septic/well Front lot court order, CK to complete inspection of 8 Emery Street tiny houses on back lot and make recommendation. NOTE EM cannot participate/conflict of interest.
- 10 Williams condemnation hearing Last inspection done 03/14/2024. CK recommends condemnation hearing, will advise on a date, as of today no violations have been rectified. Failed septic and numerous violations.
- 487 East River Road Condemned property. CK states the owners have not taken any action/responsibility for the property. recommends obtaining a court order to demo and clean up. CK will email TA and Atty. Farber to advise of the present standstill and that this property will require town action.
- 171 Prospect failed septic Order dated 11-13-2023. No permits for work done, failed septic, no electricity. CK to do inspection and provide recommendation.
- 348 Skyline Condemned property, in tax title waiting for next step, property owner has one year to clean up/demo from date of order.
- 126/133 Middlefield Road-abandoned/trash TA has not set up meeting with all town departments concerning this abandoned property, it is in tax title. CK states there is a 5,0000-gal underground fuel tank. BOH, CK has asked for a departmental meeting several times. CK states that if this property is not addressed it will become a Town Problem (Brownfield) EM to ask BOS and TA for a meeting in September.
- RDP Grant submitted RDP grant for 2024 has been submitted by EM
- Alternative Housing Permits status 0 Crane Lot 11, 298 Middlefield Road, 36 Smith Road have all filed Alternative Housing Permits, others as ordered by CK have not. EM to e-mail Charlie the list of outstanding properties.
- HRMC presentation (next meeting) to be scheduled for next BOH meeting EM to schedule
- BOH fines

And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting

118 Round Hill Road has been inspected by CK, all appliances have been removed, owner no longer staying there.

576 East River Road Failed septic, no progress, CK to review status.

17 Riverfront Street Failed septic, no Title V in hand as of today, Bruce Cooper contacted CK to see if old perc could be used to repair system.

CK states that BOH should be looking for Food/Housing Inspector since Claudia has not renewed her contract with Chester because she is too busy. Ck recommends Northampton, EM to contact Northampton BOH to see if our shared services grant will cover an inspector.

-BOH fines The BOH has researched a fining process after the town bylaw for fining had passed two years ago. At this time only the Building Inspector issues fines regarding building hence the BOH needing to create its own fining, and has run this by Town Counsel. The BOH will maintain a schedule of fines pursuant to G.L. c.111, s. 31, per the voted town bylaw. A fee structure will be issued and adopted as follows: fines to be up to \$50,00 per day, fine schedule to be determined by BOH vote. DP motion to adopt, all approved.

The Chester Foundation has asked for a non-profit Glamping Permit Fee. Tabled (see BOH contacting Noho for inspections, need to find out rate for inspections to determine rate for non-profit)

DP asked about enacting a swap shed policy to keep track of items length of time in swap shed. He has suggested color stickers on all items i.e. Week 1 red, week 2 blue. EM to purchase stickers/create them and enact policy.

End of Year budget money NC motion to purchase \$5,000 of stone to repair driving area for residents at transfer station at recycling center, Highway to spread. all approved. Painting of Transfer Station buildings. Several residents have offered paint to paint all of the buildings one color, especially the old donated army container. EM stated the RDP grant funds can be used to paint the new Universal Shed, which is need to prevent deterioration. DP motion, all approved.

Rest of buildings-quotes have come in to paint however are incomplete (not all broken down). Craig offered to donate green paint and EM volunteered to paint for free. If any other residents can donate the same color paint, will paint buildings in regards to how much paint we can raise.

Meeting will adjourn 6:44 pm

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approved August 29th - E. N. P. H. A.