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Kenneth Dawicki
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MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 10th, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mattapoisett Council on Aging and Zoom

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BOARD PRESENT: Carmelo Nicolosi, Russell Bailey, Ken Dawicki

Present at location: Kayla Davis

Virtual Participants: Amanda Stone, Emily Field, Marilou Newell, Sippican Week, and COA Director

NOTES

- 1) Discussion with Mattapoisett Public Health Nurse's regarding COVID-19.

Ms. Field started with recent updates, 11 cases in Mattapoisett present. Vaccine has become the major focus with the uptick edge. Vaccine has become limited supply to towns in the Commonwealth, so the Board of Health is currently waiting on getting more vaccine for the Town. The first Mattapoisett vaccine clinic was held on Monday February 8th, 2021. This was a historical event that took place at Center School. The town had one hundred recipients with eager arms. More requests have been sent to the State for additional vaccine. There is no vaccine this week which is the same for the surrounding communities as well. Mr. Nicolosi asked if we are continuing the register people even though there will be no vaccine this week? Ms. Field stated it will be a rolling registry the drop box will remain at the Police station for the following weeks. Mr. Dawicki asked if the names carry over each week or should people be applying each week? Ms. Stone stated we keep the forms rolling over, so people do not need to apply each week. If applying for the first time, just be aware of the deadline for that specific week. Last week three people were unable to be reached, they will stay in the eligible group as it is available. This week creates the next batch of people until further notice. An online system will be going live but a paper application will always be available. Ms. Stone reminded the community now this stage is for the 75 and older community along with health care workers. Mr. Bailey asked how many people in poll one? Ms. Stone answered we have not counted yet, but all applications were opened and screened. The volunteers will add up all the applications to get a specific number. The town had five vaccinators at Monday's clinic. Great news is we kept two vials aside to make sure volunteers could get vaccinated and in case any vials got dropped and had to be discarded. Safeguards are in place to manage the vaccine. With the two vials left over gives the town an extra 20 doses. Those doses will be used today. Risk of a vial being dropped or shaken may happen, if that were the case the vial would be discarded. Once the vial is open there is a six-hour window to use that vial. The town has not

wasted any vials yet. Screening is very important. For example, a gentleman that was contacted was having surgery, if this gentleman got the vaccine and had side affects after he might have missed the surgery. He was taken out of week one but will be kept in the poll for the future weeks. It is important to know all aspects. Mr. Dawicki asked Ms. Stone if she has been vaccinated yet? Ms. Stone replied not at this time, I am not working that close to other individuals. My risk assessment is lower than other people. I can easily stay at low risk and save doses for the populations at higher risk. Mr. Dawicki stated the only thing that concerns me is if you were to be exposed you would out of the mix. Ms. Stone replied I would not be a close contact to anyone. I always keep my six feet distance from others. I do plenty of my job right from my home. Mr. Bailey asked what vaccine do we provide in town and is that the only vaccine we will get? Ms. Field stated Moderna vaccine, this is not the only one we might have. Both are fragile but Moderna is good to refrigerate and easier for the community setting. Pfizer is harder to store. Anyone that has been vaccinated on Monday are guaranteed a second dose, which will be 28 days from the first dose. Mr. Bailey asked does the State guarantee more doses? Ms. Field stated only the second dose is guaranteed. Every Monday we submit a survey for how much vaccine we want for the week with a plan. On Saturday we find out if we are approved for that week. Even if approved from the State that does not mean we will get the vaccines. The Federal level also must approve it. Ms. Stone added once the vaccine has been shipped and received is when we will schedule the next clinic. Mr. Bailey asked what percent qualified has applied for the vaccine? My point is we want more vaccine, the mass sites have over 2,000 vaccines available. Ms. Stone stated the State is setting up and providing doses to these mass sites because they can give more doses. We are a smaller community, but I agree it is frustrating. Ms. Field added for the greater good we will keep trying to encourage people to go to these mass sites. If you can get the vaccine a mass site is just as good. Ms. Stone stated in yesterday's poll it was encouraging to see some people had other appointments just from when they applied. Hopefully more local sites will get more vaccine. Thank you to COA for all your help! We have communication with the Town administrator to set up a hotline dedicated to Covid-19. This will be staffed by Town Hall with frequently asked questions to help the community. Mr. Dawicki asked if the public is notified if they are not selected for the clinic? Ms. Stone stated we only had less than five people not selected, most got a vaccine. Mr. Dawicki asked how many applied? Ms. Stone stated we just kept pulling, we do not know the exact number. Mr. Nicolosi asked if the media had any questions? Marilou Newell asked for clarity. As we service all of poll 1 then we move to poll 2? Ms. Stone stated yes, it is a blind drawing, and someone is there to witness that. Ms. Field added no pictures were taken at the clinic to provide privacy.

- 2) Discussion to adopt modifications to Mattapoisett Rules and Regulations regarding Sanitary Sewage Disposal systems and Percolations Tests/ Rates published in the 1990's.

Mr. Nicolosi stated changes are on the document made by Health Agent Ms. Davis. These changes are if nitrogen removal technologies are if property can ask for a relief for variances. The next changed is related to Perc test rates, since the 1990's the state modified their rates. The rate use to be 30 minutes per inch for new construction, so the Town voted on 20 min per inch. Now the Stated allows 60 minutes per inch. We will modify our regulations to reflect 40 minutes per inch which keeps the 2/3 rule we had before. The state also changed upgrades to 90 minutes per inch, the town will now have a 60 minute per inch regulation for upgrades. At an old meeting Mr. Dawicki mentioned we should add a regulation, so basement flooring is above the groundwater elevation at new construction. This will help eliminate flooding. Mr. Dawicki stated he also mentioned to remove the regulations stating no one can perc in the groundwater table. Mr. Nicolosi stated that will be removed from our regulations. Mr. Bailey asked why the town does not just follow the states regulations? Mr. Nicolosi stated we will be consistent with our old regulations in town but that is up to the Board if we want to change that. Mr. Dawicki added he believes that would be taking a too large of a step. Mr. Bailey added he just thought it would be easier if we

matched the state. Mr, Dawicki stated we can always review this at another time. Mr. Nicolosi stated that is a good requirement for the town. Mr. Bailey asked Ms. Davis's opinion. She stated she agrees it would be a big step to take. Many towns have specific rules and regulations to their areas as many towns are different throughout the Commonwealth.

Mr. Dawicki made a motion to accept the new regulations as written and include the basement piece. Seconded by Mr. Bailey Voted 3-0-0

- 3) Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dawicki Voted 3-0-0

Mr. Bailey asked about the loader at the landfill. Mr. Nicolosi stated that he spoke with a representative to look for a trade in value.

The Chairman called for any questions or Comments from the Public

Marilou Newell from the Wanderer asked if the regulation changes can be emailed to her. Mr. Nicolosi replied stating yes.

Next Meeting: March 10th, 2021

Will use the same set up at COA with Zoom

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn was made at 11:11 by Mr. Dawicki

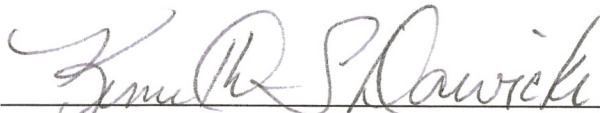
Seconded by Mr. Bailey Voted 3-0-0

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Carmelo Nicolosi



Kenneth Dawicki



Russell Bailey

