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Meeting MINUTES September 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 06:00 P.M.

This meeting was televised and recorded by Bourne Community TV for replay.

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In attendance:

Board Members: William Doherty, William Meier, Barbara Princiotta, Bob Collett
Professional Staff: Terri Guarino

1. Discussion regarding hotel/motel occupancy limits in Bourne.

Mr. Doherty discussed the current state of hotel/motel occupancy limits, providing background on the situation.

The Board and the Board of Selectman discussed the zoning laws, and why zoning is unique on Cape.

The Board, specifically Mr. Doherty, highlights the response from the state and federal levels.

Ms. Tabitha Vasconcelos from the Inn at Buzzards Bay comes to the podium to speak. She states that she thinks that the issue with this is rooted in race. She explains her perspective, emphasizing the situation and what is going to happen to the people staying in hotels/motels, and how they will become homeless if the town takes stringent action.

Ms. Alice Zinkevich from Sagamore came to the podium. She states that she does not believe that this is an issue of race. She discusses the impact of the state upon the locals.

The Board continues to discuss how there is no direction from the state in regards to moving forward. Mr. Jared MacDonald of the Select Board highlights this, discussing that it is an issue from the state but that it shifts the attention on the local authorities.

The Boards discusses the timelines for enforcing regulations.

Mr. Meier makes a motion to approve the letter as written. Mr. Collett seconds the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Princiotta-yes, Mr. Collett-yes, Mr. Meier-yes, and Mr. Doherty-yes.

2. Discussion regarding Title V regulations.

Ms. MJ Mastrangelo, Chair of the Select Board, discusses the timeframes for the Title V regulations.

The Board discusses the various watersheds in the town.

The Boards discuss the potential of filing a Notice of Intent.

Miss Guarino provided her perspective on the new regulations, providing clarity to the Boards.

The Boards debate on the watershed permits and the benefits of them.

Everyone agreed that the essential aspect is the timeframe.

Ms. Mastrangelo proposes scheduling another joint meeting and having a representative from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection come to add to the discussion.

The Boards agreed to another meeting in late October.

3. Public Health Excellence Grant - potential Intermunicipal Agreement ("IMA").

Mr. Doherty emphasizes his favor for this grant.

Mr. Meier discussed how this grant can impact septic systems.

Mr. Doherty thinks this would be a good idea and that it can contribute to mental health analysis.

The Board of Selectman questions Miss Guarino's involvement in the potential acquisition of the grant.

The Director of the program, Sean O'Brien, explained the importance of intermunicipal work, and how collaboration can enhance the overall impact on Cape Cod.

Ms. Princiotta raises her concerns regarding the capacity of the Health Department and how it will contribute to their workload.

The Boards discuss the pros and cons, emphasizing the importance of more aid to the town and how it can provide more continuity between Boards of Health on Cape. Mr. O'Brien discusses how this will foster communication between towns.

Ms. Marlene McCollum, Town Administrator, discusses that she and the Town Council have concerns about the town entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement ("IMA").

Ms. Mastrangelo states that she would like more information, especially from the coordinator of the Public Health Excellence Grant.

The Boards discuss the follow up needed and the plan moving forward. Mr. Doherty requests a list of objections. Ms. McCollum highlights that they need to set parameters.

4. Adjourn meeting.

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Health. Ms. Princiotta seconds the motion. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Princiotta-yes, Mr. Collett-yes, Mr. Meier-yes, and Mr. Doherty-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

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