Minutes from the Board of Health meeting held at 5:00 pm Wednesday March 16th 2022

Present: Charlene Farris (CF), Donald Makowski (DM), Daniel Thibodeau (DT), Brianna Dunn (BD)

Attendees: Tricia Valiton (TV), Jim Ferrara (JF)

4:55pm: DM opens the meeting

5:00: CF motions to accept all bills and payroll DT seconds - AIF

5:03pm: CF motions to approve next meeting date 4/20/22 at 5 pm, DT seconds, AIF.

5:05pm: Discussion of 29 Bacon St. begins. TV tells the board that BD initiated the process and contacted KP-Law to move forward with housing court. TV is going to write a narrative of events and explain how the 1st order was put on the back burner which precipitated the second order.

DT says the BOH could have closed the building to occupancy, TV says that is what she understood the Correction Order as, No-occupancy. DT says that the mold alone is a health problem and could stop the building from being occupied. TV says she hesitates to say that because the housing code does not dictate mold but moisture and more specifically a condition would have to qualify as 'deemed to endanger' or 'unfit for human habitation'. DT says the yard could be used to shut the house down, TV says she challenges that only because how is that defended in court?

DT makes a point to Town Administrator that there are egress, heating, plumbing, electrical and gas issues in the building. DM says that the gas stove on the 2nd floor must be turned on to cook then shut back off. DT says it might be worthwhile to have the plumbing inspector inspect the property. JF joins the conversation and proposes that everyone work the problem together and go at it unified, building, fire, police, plumbing and gas.

DM says he and the fire Chief spoke about looking at different avenues to pursue the situation together. JF offers to coordinate departments throughout the town. DM asks JF if he can get the Building Inspector inside the building of 29 Bacon St., JF agrees to send her an email.

BD adds into the conversation that she has already reached out to Town Counsel to get the process moving. At this point, the board agrees that nothing more should be done with Town Counsel until all other departments are on the same page regarding 29 Bacon St. BD is to reach out to plumbing, gas, and electrical inspector to see if they will do inspections at the property.

6:45 pm: An RFP for Operating the Transfer Station needs to be put out. Barton and Loguidice have offered to provide the service and are familiar with the project as they prepared the last RFP related to the Transfer Station Operations. DM motions to put RFP out using Barton and Loguidice, CF seconds, AIF.

7:00pm: BD reached out to many different engineering companies for proposals for services to keep the landfills and transfer station in compliance with state regulation. This means regular biannual water, and gas sampling, and inspections of the Transfer Station, Landfills, and Solar Farm. OTO, Barton and Loguidice, and EA Engineering all supplied a proposal. Barton and Loguidice came in at the lowest price. The board members were each given the proposal from each entity to review. DM motions to accept 3-year contract for Barton and Loguidice for biannual monitoring, facility inspections, and consulting services as needed for the Transfer Station and Closed Landfills. CF seconds, AIF.

7:20 pm: CF motions to adjourn, DM seconds, AIF.