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Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for October 17, 2023, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 4

Attendees: Eric Mueller, Chairman; Arthur Borden, Member; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Mr. Mueller at 5:00 PM

Public Hearings:

None tonight

Discussion:

- 18 Lakeview Street, Animal Complaint/on-site meeting -

Mr. Forgue – At the last meeting we agreed to meet on site. On September 29, We met with Mike Paduch, at the site, to put some stakes in the ground marking 100' from Bennie's property. It was evident that things needed to be shifted and was discussed with Ms. Lauzon. She was given until the 18th to make the necessary changes. I went by today and it looks to already be done and is excess of 100'. There is about a 10-15' separation between enclosures. The goats were in the furthest enclosure.

Mr. Bennie – That corral and its complaint is all set. My issue is with the original corral. It is still there and will be used again. We would like a stipulation that states that it cannot be used. Mr. Mueller – He intends to use it for his dogs. We will add the information to the file. They have met the 100' requirement and the old corral will be used for dogs, not goats. Mr. Bennie – If he abides by that, we have no issue. However, we still have issue with the shelter, which is 87' from our well. Mr. Forgue – Part of the building is 87' away. Mr. Bennie – If there is variance request, that would require a public meeting. Mr. Forgue – They have claimed that this is not a shelter and only used under extreme conditions; I have no reason to not believe that. Mr. Mueller – My last time there, I noted a lot of tools, etc. in there, as well as some feed. Those are allowable.

Mr. Bennie – In the winter, when it's cold, the goats are locked in the barn for months. They don't leave the barn all winter. There is no light. That can't be claimed as emergency shelter only; over the last two years they have spent 4+ months in there without going out. If that occurs, can I bring it to you? Mr. Mueller – Yes and it would be added to the file. Mr. Bennie – We are okay with the variance but would need to go through a public hearing. Mr. Forgue – With a public hearing; the Board has to come to the determination that there is a real threat to the animals, at which point, the Board can move toward a hearing and a variance. Right now, we only have their word to go on. There is a cement floor in the barn and would not necessary be a threat with proper cleaning and moving the waste. Mr. Bennie – They don't clean, they are not fed properly. They are new at this and their children have all moved out, who is going to do it? Mr. Mueller – If something

comes up, let us know. At our last visit, the barn was filled with tools, etc. Mr. Bennie – As far as we are concerned, this issue is done from our point of view. We will not participate any further unless we are notified as an abutter.

- 21 Holmes Street –

Mr. Forgue – The Board asked that I write a letter to Mr. Tripp, with a copy of the report from MDAR. I have yet to hear back from him. If I don't hear anything within the next week, I will pursue it.

- EEE Year End Report –

Mr. Forgue - I just made the final report, 9-24-23 thru 9-30-23. We did not have any issue with EEE. 10,236 mosquitos were tested. When mosquitos first showed an issue was 2019. The first year of issue is considered "peak" and then over subsequent years. It is typically a 7-year cycle.

- Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48-hours in advance of the meeting –

Mr. Forgue – As it relates to variances, I will send each member a copy of the regulations. I want everyone to be informed on the process. Technically, in reference to 18 Lakeview Street, they would only have to separate that 10' section with a fence of some sort. The remainder of the barn is 100' + away.

Other Business:

Minutes – September 26, 2023

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 26, 2023, as written: Mr. Callis
Second: Mr. Borden*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Correspondence:

Nothing tonight

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be November 21, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. 

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn at 5:18 PM: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Callis
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*