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Minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via teleconference:

Call the meeting order 9:04am. Roll Call: Chris Genoter (CG), Chris Nocella (CN), Linda Johansen (LJ), Rick Metcalf (RM) and Carla Hitzenbuhler (CH)

2.1 **West Meadow Road – Transfer Renewal Lots 1 and 2:** RM: Can he sign after we approve? Previously permitted to Realty Trust 4/2017, property foreclosed and purchased at auction by Daisem LLC applied for two approvals. 1. Transfer and; 2. Renewal for one year new expiration would be 4/10/2021. CN before my time need more information. RM typically nothing changes when renewing BOH is allowed to give an additional year. CG CN permits that were approved at some point with someone buying the property in foreclosure, we are giving them more time with the approved permit. LJ vaguely remember any variances? RM variance yes, had to break into several lots for homeowners, system on property separate from what it is serving. Town council reviewed, requested declaration of restriction, which was done. **MOTION LJ extends permits for West Meadow Road, Lots 1 and 2, CG 2nd Vote 3/0. CG MOTION for RM to sign this permit, CN 2nd, 3/0.**

2.2 **14 Terrace Way – Upgrade:** Upgrading system leach pit failed. New 1500 2 compartment to leaching galleys. No variances full compliance. CG leaching galley? New? RM older one; 3 in 14 years I've seen. Similar but made of concrete. CG why are they using this? RM cheaper material fairly easy to install sandy soil, groundwater makes sense. CG OK, cool giving no variances I am ok with this plan. **MOTION CG approve upgrade 14 Terrace Way and allow RM to sign permit. CN 2nd. 3/0.**

2.3 **COVID-19:** RM not a big update. Most recent positive is 13; up from last week expected in the surge. The state has started to help by adding personnel to call contacts of people who have tested positive. Webinar this afternoon more geared toward public health nurses. Mask update; AG update advice only. Other towns have done an advisory order or sought town council for their opinion on mandating masks. CG received an EMAIL by Sue Lisio over the weekend regarding the town of Orange. RM states Jim Garreffo (JG) in Littleton had similar discussion issuing advisory not order. It's a strong suggestion from BOH but not enforceable. LJ didn't hear about the town of Orange but Lynn, Boston and Salem have an order and heard someone else went into a store and was turned away because they didn't have a mask on. Can stores make a policy? RM needs legal before he can answer. RM other issue is people can get gear easily but masks are hard. Grocery stores can't get them for their employees, low supply. CG is that a discussion you had on Friday with Hannaford's? RM yes both he and Bridgette Braley (BB) encouraged the wearing of masks to Hannaford's management. The NBOH website asking for

donations for masks and BB is delivering masks today to Hannaford's and other food establishments. CG thanks great news. LJ do we want to require or advise? CN no, doesn't want to. LJ no stock; how can you require? N95 masks are only for medical workers. Cloth masks recommended for regular people walking around not in close proximity. CG both members agree masks are not available. CN recommendation only; LJ agrees with the advisory. LJ do advisory; doesn't have resources to enforce. LJ requests RM draft the advisory similar to Littleton. CN MOTION we have RM write up an advisory and review before posting on mask wearing CG 2nd 3/0. Respond only to me RM.

CN asks for the sign board to show the link to the advisory on the BOH web site. . LJ asks for a Facebook post – BOH advisory. CH asked if the school and police telephone reports can be used. Police department only for landlines, school lines are for parents that submitted their phone number. Principal Brad Morgan (BM) is emailing weekly updates. LJ can he add to that? RM yes, we can include in the school update. CG good idea.

LJ questions the reporting of numbers and the State and the NBOH discrepancies. RM Jim Garreffa (JG) is working on this. Real time numbers change all the time. RM last report Saturday/Sunday state releases on Wednesday. LJ both reports TBOH and governor report or just post governor's report with numbers on Wed?

LJ asked if the Governor issued a phase in plan, yet. RM when you say phase in what are you referring to? LJ federal government giving instructions for restaurants and other businesses to start opening up. No one has heard of one issued, yet. LJ wants to add to weekly meetings once issued. Mass is collaborating with Border States; something is happening in May or June and we need to keep an eye on this and we need to make sure the public knows the correct information. CG agree.

3.1 Invoices: **MOTION to approve monthly LJ March Shaw's bill invoice for payment.** CN 2nd 3/0. The Board also approved CH's request to enter the building to process this invoice and to gather more documents to support working from home. She gave the Board an update on the essential workers department head meeting.

3.2 **MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:53am LJ CN 2nd 3/0.**