

TOWN of HINGHAM
BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Public Meeting

November 15, 2016

A posted public meeting of the Town of Hingham, Board of Health (the Board) was held in the Central North Meeting Room, 210 Central St., Hingham, MA.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. White at 7:02 pm.

Members Present:

Stephan White, Chairman
Peter Bickford, Member
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member

Staff Present:

Bruce Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer
Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Assistant
Paul Brogna, P.E., Board Engineering Consultant

Agenda:

Mr. White reviewed the posted agenda with the Board.

Mr. Capman's EHO report was missing from the posted agenda and inserted at the end of the agenda.

Thereafter, the meeting's agenda was accepted as amended.

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the drafted minutes from the September 20, 2016 public meeting.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts and Seconded by Mr. Bickford and it was VOTED (unanimous); to approve the public meeting minutes of September 20, 2016 as amended.

Dumpster Permit Application:

87 Derby St. Hingham

Spokesperson: none

The Board reviewed an 8/25/16 dumpster application from Planet Aid Inc. to place a collection bin at the Sunoco gas station located at 87 Derby St.

- Dr. Shilts said the property owner, and not the dumpster vender, is the proper applicant for a dumpster permit. He said the application is inaccurate and incomplete because it was not submitted by the property owner.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts and seconded by Mr. White and it was VOTED (unanimous); to not accept the 87 Derby St. dumpster permit application because the applicant information is inaccurate where it should be the property owner.

Definitive Subdivision Plan:

29 Canterbury St.

Spokespersons: Gary James, John Woodin, and Jeff Tocchio

The applicant is planning to divide the property at 29 Canterbury Street into a total of nine (9) house lots, including five (5) Form-A lots and a three (3) lot subdivision.

- The entire property is located within the Weir River Sewer District.
- Mr. Tocchio said they previously met with the Hingham Sewer Commission, and were granted sewer hook-ups for five (5) of the nine lots.
- The applicant is hoping to install septic systems for lots # 4, 5 and 9. Lots # 7, 8 and 9 comprise the actual subdivision.
- Mr. Capman said for the Board to grant a septic system permit, sewer service must not be available to that lot. Mr. Capman said according to the Sewer Department, nine (9) sewer bedroom allotments are still available in the Weir River Sewer District.
- Mr. James said they already obtained twenty-five sewer bedroom allotments, but wished to leave a few allotments for other homeowners who would like to add an additional bedroom to their home.
- Mr. Brogna said leaving aside the sewer/septic issue, his concerns over the subdivision have been addressed.
- Mr. Capman said the site has a lot of rock ledge and asked if they can design septic systems for lots # 4, 5 and 9. Mr. James stated they would need a variance to do so for these new construction homes.
- Mr. Capman asked about the required water supply availability letter. Mr. Woodin said he is working with Aquarion and is almost done with their requirements.
- Mr. Capman said MA DEP is currently focused on Aquarion for nearly exceeding their annual withdrawal allotment, and the Board needs this letter from Aquarion
- Mr. Tocchio said the proposal would also tie 105 Weir St. into sewer service. He said this property currently has a cesspool and the owner would like to fix this deficient system without incurring the cost.
- Mr. James said the proposal includes taking the existing old house on the property off septic and onto sewer.
- Mr. White said the applicant should consider obtaining the remaining nine (9) sewer bedrooms and give back any that are not needed.
- Mr. White said after going back before the Sewer Commission and obtaining sewer connections for the entire subdivision, the subdivision's plans will need to be revised.
- Mr. Bickford asked how much blasting will be needed. Mr. James said a lot.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts and seconded by Mr. Bickford and it was VOTED (unanimous): to approve the 29 Canterbury Street definitive subdivision plan; conditional on all three (3) lots (lots # 7, 8 and 9) having sewer service; and the timely receipt of updated plans reflecting the Board's requirement; and a letter from the municipal water supplier indicating an available water supply.

Executive Health Officer Report:

❖ **9 Ship Street, Housing Corrective Order**

Mr. Capman said he inspected the property in September because of ongoing public complaints about excessive trash thrown about the property and the poor physical condition of the home raising public safety concerns. He said his inspection with Building Commissioner Clancy and Fire Safety Officer Damstra confirmed numerous public safety and health hazards. Mr. Capman reviewed his October 6th inspection results that identified eight (8) violations to the State Sanitary Code and respective time frames for needed corrections. Mr. Capman said the homeowner has requested a hearing before the Board to discuss this matter.

The Board discussed potential meeting dates for this purpose.

❖ **Residential correspondence**

Mr. Robert Blucke, 21 Howland St., submits an email expressing his concern over the potential detrimental effect on the town's wetlands and water supply from a proposed Ward St. housing project.

Scheduling:

Next public meeting of the Board was not scheduled.

Adjournment:

The November 15, 2016 public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Benedetto, Executive Secretary