

# TOWN of HINGHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

## Board of Health Public Meeting

### **March 16, 2021**

A posted public meeting of the Town of Hingham, Board of Health (the Board) was held remotely by telephone as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law.

Mr. Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **Members Present**

Peter Bickford, Chair

Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Member

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member

### **Staff Present**

Susan Sarni, MPH, Executive Health Officer (EHO)

Cheryl West, LSW, Town Social Worker

John Chessia, Board Consultant Engineer

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **February 23, 2021**

Mr. Bickford reviewed the meeting minutes of February 23, 2021.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Eldredge and VOTED (roll call);

**to approve the February 23, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.**

*Members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge & Shilts*

*Members opposed: none*

### **Town Social Worker Position and Job Description**

- Ms. Sarni reminded the Board that Ms. West is soon retiring; and reviewed the Town Social Worker job description with the Board.
- Ms. West said she was hired to address hoarding issues in the town but found that the position can cover a lot more areas.
- Ms. West said a licensed LICSW means the person can work clinically one on one with an individual. Someone with a LCSW, like her, would need a supervisor to do clinical work.
- Ms. West said the position does not have enough work if only working on hoarding issues. She said she dealt with issues related to housing support, mental health, clutter reduction and food insecurities.
- The Board thanked Ms. West for her service to the town.

### **EHO Report**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

- Ms. Sarni said the State will be releasing a schedule of the remaining vaccination stages. She said people can pre-register on-line.
- Ms. Sarni said as of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 14% of all Hingham residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Ms. Sarni said most high school sports are now quarantined; and these cohorts represent the greatest known community spread of COVID-19 in Hingham.
- Ms. Sarni said the upcoming allowance for 300 people at weddings will be challenging.

*Mr. Bickford recused himself from the following matter and left the meeting*

## **10 Martins Cove Lane**

### **Septic Works Construction Permit Application**

*Spokespersons: Jeff Tocchio , Hazem Dani, Scott Golding, Kelly Coleen and Debra Zildjian (homeowner)*

- This matter is continued from the previous meeting.
- Dr. Shilts confirmed that the application was submitted before the new septic regulations took effect, so the 1998 version is applicable.
- Mr. Dani said six additional test pits were dug as recommended - but none passed. Mr. Chessia said the reserve area cannot be relocated closer to the primary soil absorption area (SAS).
- Mr. Tocchio said both driveways at #10 and #6 will be raised by one foot to help blend the reserve SAS into the existing landscape. He said it's fortunate the applicant controls both properties to do this. He said they may need to get approval from the Planning Board to bring in this amount of fill.
- Mr. Golding said a traditional landscape plan shows the various plantings and their locations; he thought it was premature to have a landscape plan beyond the grading plan. Using 3D software, Mr. Hazem reviewed how grading at the site will look from the street and from the harbor.
- Dr. Shilts said the front stone wall should be ornamental rather than a retaining wall as depicted on the plan. Mr. Hazem said he will make the correction.
- Dr. Shilts said he is okay with the plan but would like the Board's EHO to have final say on the grading/blending which has been a primary concern to this application.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Eldredge and VOTED (unanimous, with Mr. Bickford recused);

**to approve three (3) variances from the Hingham Supplemental Septic Regulations (1998 version), sections 6.9, 6.12A and 6.14 conditional on there not being a retaining wall in the plan, that the grading is consistent to proposed plans dated 2/22/21, and that the final grading be evaluated by the Hingham Executive Health Officer for compliance to the Board's directive that any mounding caused by the reserve SAS be minimized to the greatest extent possible.**

### **Scheduling**

The next meeting was scheduled for the April 15th at 7:15 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The March 16, 2021, public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Secretary

### ***Documents reviewed during the Public Meeting:***

- *Application for variance 10 Martins Cove Lane – revision date 9/15/20*
- *10 Martins Cove Lane – CHA response dated 2/22/21*
- *10 Martins Cove Lane revised septic plans*
- *10 Martins Cove Lane updated plans dated 3/10/21*
- *Town Social Worker written comments*