

TOWN of HINGHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Public Meeting

August 19, 2022

A posted public meeting of the Town of Hingham, Board of Health (the Board) was held in the Central North Hearing Room, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. Mr. Bickford called the meeting to order at 8:04am

Members Present

Peter Bickford, Chair

Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Member

Rosemary Byrne, N.P., Member

Staff Present

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Public Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes of June 23, 2022.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge seconded by Mrs. Byrne and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2022 as drafted.**

Members in favor: Eldredge, Byrne and Bickford

Members opposed: none

Action Items

4 Feeley Lane, (Lot2) Variance to Ledge, New Construction

Jeff Hassett, P.E. Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Representative for Owners

- Mr. Hassett is requesting a variance from Section VII.P of the Hingham Board of Health Supplemental Rules and regulations for the Disposal of Sanitary Sewage for a reduction from the proposed cellar floor to groundwater.
- There is ledge outcrop on the northerly side of the foundation and will be removed by blasting efficiently within this area and the results that the depth of at least 18" below the cellar floor elevation. The ledge will be removed below the slab and drain to daylight.
- Mr. Bickford requested they install WR Grace Waterproofing instead of the proposed Tuff-N-Dry Waterproofing.
- Dr. Eldredge inquired about the PVC pipe that exits the dwelling and Mr. Hassett confirmed that there is plenty of pitch as well and outside the 100ft buffer zone. Mr. Hassett also confirmed for Mr. Bickford that the gutter drains that are going out to daylight would disperse into a detention basin.
- Mr. Bickford requested an as built of the foundation before proceeding with any building. The requested as built is to confirm that the footing is 18" above the groundwater. Mr. Hassett confirmed he would have the builder inform him when the elevation can be inspected. This is required in addition to the as built for occupancy.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge seconded by Mrs. Byrne and VOTED (roll call); **to allow a variance from Section VII.P, distance from cellar floor to ground water, to approve the site plan for 4 Feeley Lane with the following conditions; an as-built foundation plan for slab 15.5, show the bottom of the slab and top of the stone elevations, all to be submitted before any building starts at this address. The proposed cellar will be equipped with WR Grace waterproofing and inspected by the Health Agent.**

Members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge and Byrne

Members opposed: none

261 Gardner, Definitive Subdivision

Mr. Joseph Cincotta, Homeowner, Phillip Henry, PE

- The subdivision consist of 3 new lots with 3 bedrooms for each proposed dwelling. The existing dwelling is a 2 bedroom.
- Mr. Chessia indicated that there are no wetlands on the site and observed no concerns while visiting the site. However, he did indicate this would be applicant's responsibility.
- Mr. Bickford expressed concern regarding mounding with these systems. Mr. Cincotta indicated the ground and/or houses' grade would be lifted up so the mounds would be worked into the level of the ground.
- Confirmed that this is not in a nitrogen sensitive area.
- The required review fee for a definitive subdivision for the Board of Health will be determined at the next meeting for this applicant.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge seconded by Ms. Byrne and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the preliminary definitive subdivision plans for 261 Gardner Street with the following conditions to be provided and approved by the Executive Health Officer: 1. The well needs to be abandoned at 261 Gardner St. 2. The approval of the septic plans for 265 Gardner St. and Plans must show all abutting septic systems as well as drainage and any road drainage systems. 3. Submission of a letter from the Weir River Water Company confirming commitment to supply water. 4. In addition, the Planning Board needs to be informed of the variances that each lot will require from Section VII M.1. The Board gave the applicant until 9.6.22 to submit revisions to plans.**

Members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge and Byrne

Members opposed: none

Addendum/Discussion: Date of September 6, 2022 was mentioned as the date Ms. Sarni would need the information and by September 11, 2022 to approve or disapprove. Ms. Sarni also stated the Board will still need to approve the septic system.

New Business

No new business brought before the Board.

EHO REPORT

Public Health Excellence Grant

- Ms. Sarni informed the Board that they are working on getting the town of Scituate to participate in the grant. The grant requires at least 3 towns to collaborate to receive \$300,000.00 up to 10 years.
- Discussion of an Epidemiologist for shared public health services, continuing use of a Covid 19 person to oversee cases and data and recommending funds be used for a Title 5 consultant that can do inspections to alleviate some of the workload the Health Agent.

Opioid Task Force Grant

- This grant money was awarded to the state of Massachusetts from the Johnson & Johnson settlement. Because it is a settlement, it will be deposited into the town's general fund and will be heard at the next Town Meeting to allocate the funds. This grant is 1.4 million dollars over a 16-year period

Scheduling

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022 at 8:00am.

Adjournment

The public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned at 9:22am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Documents reviewed during the Public Meeting:

- *BOH of Health Meeting Agenda*
- *Board of Health Public Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2022*
- *Letter from Jeffrey Hassett, PE, Morse Engineering regarding 4 Feeley Lane, (Lot 2), Hingham, MA*
- *Copy of Assessors Map for 4 Feeley Lane, Hingham, MA*
- *Letter from Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer regarding the Preliminary Subdivision Plan, Board of Health*
- *Letter from John Chessia, PE, Chessia Consulting Services, LLC regarding Engineering Review for 261 Gardner St., Hingham, MA Definitive Subdivision*