

TOWN of HINGHAM

BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Public Meeting

May 25, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. White at 7:34pm.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Bruce Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer
Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent
Paul Brogna, P.E., Board Consultant Engineer

Agenda:

Mr. White reviewed the posted agenda with the Board.

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

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the drafted minutes from the May 10, 2016 public meeting.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Mr. Bickford and Seconded by Dr. Shilts and it was VOTED (unanimous); to approve the public meeting minutes of May 10, 2016 as drafted.

Definitive Subdivision Plan:

901 Main St.

Spokespersons: Gary James and Jerry Rankin

The applicant is seeking to subdivide two adjoining properties into a four (4) lot subdivision. This is a continuation of the discussion from the prior meeting on May 10th.

- Mr. James said that all required percolation tests were completed and the results submitted to the Board.
- The applicant withdrew its request to file a Facility Aggregation Plan with this proposal. The plan now has atypical lot configurations that have house lots connected by long narrow slivers to dedicated blocks of wetland at the rear of the property. Mr. Bickford was unsure if the Planning Board would allow this type of lot shape.
- Dr. Shilts said Title-5 policy ascribes that any subdivision proposal in a Zone II nitrogen protection area that discharges more than 2,000 gallons of septic effluent per day requires added scrutiny. The 2,000 gal. threshold is exceeded at nineteen (19) total bedrooms or more.
- The Board discussed whether enhanced denitrification would be appropriate for this subdivision because of its immediate proximity to a public water supply. Mr. Capman said each lot's septic design can be addressed upon application.
- Lot #1 has an existing 4-bedroom septic system that would only need to meet the simpler standards of an upgrade rather than new construction.
- Mr. Rankin said he would be happy with building two (2) four (4)-bedroom homes, and two (2) five bedroom homes on the property.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts and Seconded by Mr. Bickford and it was VOTED (unanimous); to notify the Hingham Planning Board of the Board's conditional approval of the proposed 901 Main Street Definitive Subdivision Plan comprised of four (4) single family homes and a maximum of eighteen (18) total bedrooms; and further conditional to receipt of a water supply availability letter from Aquarion Water Co.

Adjournment:

The May 25, 2016 public meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Nee, Health Agent