

# TOWN of HINGHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

## Board of Health Public Meeting

### May 12, 2022

A posted public meeting of the Town of Hingham, Board of Health (the Board) was held in the East Hearing Room, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. Dr. Shilts called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

### Members Present

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Chair

Peter Bickford, Member

Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Member (arrived @ 7:25pm)

### Staff Present

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

### Chairperson's Message

Dr. Shilts shared his first experience running for a seat on the Board of Health. He stated that he had been on the Board for 18 years. He asked the other Board members that if he is not reelected that they continue to enforce "no mounds" when installing septic systems in Hingham. He believes it distracts from the property value. Dr. Shilts also acknowledge his years working with the previous Executive Health Officer, Bruce Capman and acknowledge the good work that Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer is doing in her position.

### Agenda

Dr. Shilts asked if there was any new business items for the agenda; Ms. Sarni said there is regarding ANR's and it will be discussed in the EHO report.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Bickford, seconded by Dr. Shilts and VOTED (roll call); **to set the meeting's agenda as amended.**

*members in favor: Bickford & Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

### Public Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes of April 14, 2022 and April 20, 2022

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge, seconded by Peter Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022 as drafted,**

*members in favor: Bickford, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge, seconded by Peter Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022 as drafted,**

*members in favor: Bickford, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

### Action Items

**35 School St., Building Permit Review, Number of Rooms**

*Chris DeOrsay, Architect, Representation for the Homeowners*

- Mr. DeOrsay reviewed and discussed the latest drafted plans that were submitted to the Board for review.
- The hallway area that was discussed at previous Board meeting was changed to represent hallway space only. The second floor has two rooms, one room is a bedroom, the other room is a second office.
- Second floor storage is a room unheated.
- First floor was changed to be an unheated sunroom.
- Family room, another bedroom, living room and dining room would be bring the total room count to eight rooms.
- Basement is below grade and as requested by the Board that they moved the shower to the indoor pool area. The bathroom is half bath and the shower is designed as a rinse off.
- Ms. Sarni stated that she would be requesting a 2-bedroom deed restriction per the conditions for the new septic system.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Peter Bickford, seconded by Dr. Eldredge and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the proposed plans of April 19 for 35 School Street, Hingham, MA as encompassing eight total rooms and two bedrooms. Regarding the latest April 19, 2022 room count by Campbell and Smith that plans indicates eight rooms with a maximum of two bedrooms.**

*members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

#### **100 Industrial Park Road, Financial Assurance Mechanism (FAM)**

*Spokespersons: Kevin Hixon, David Crispin, and Tom Nolan*

Dr. Shilts gave an explanation as to 100 Industrial's plans and need for a FAM for this development.

The FAM worksheet was before the Board for approval for \$55,592.00 DEP FAM Escrow Amount

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge, seconded by Peter Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the FAM worksheet accept the FAM cost calculus work sheet dated May 12, 2022 conditional on completed at a subsequent date and to work with EHO on the completion.**

*members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

#### **Discussion**

##### **65 Bradley Park Hill Drive – Septic System in Sewer District**

The Board has been informed that this address is on septic and as of this date, there is no availability to sewer based on capacity and road moratorium.

The Board determined that after discussion sewer service was not readily available.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge, and seconded by Peter Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve that it is agreed upon that 65 Bradley Park Hill Drive will not be allowed to hook up to sewer due to the inability to access it at this time.**

*members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

## **New Business**

### **ANR**

Ms. Sarni stated that after a Planning Meeting, she was informed that an ANR was approved.

Ms. Sarni drafted a letter for the Board to approve that they are to be notified of any ANR Plan when filed with the Planning Department.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Eldredge, and seconded by Peter Bickford and VOTED (rollcall); **to approve the letter to the Planning Board notify the Board of Health in a timely manner.**

*members in favor: Bickford, Eldredge, Shilts*

*members opposed: none*

## **EHO REPORT**

### **Covid Update**

- Significant increase in PCR cases over this past week. 72% increase in cases from May1st-7<sup>th</sup>over the week prior. Susan monitors the CDC Community Color level and it is at medium risk
- Data is updated at 8pm Thursdays of each week
- iHealth Covid At Home Test Kits were extended 3 months, until 10/7/22
- The Board of Health requests that the citizens of Hingham report positive cases of Covid-19 to the Hingham Health Department for statistical data. This reporting will give the Board a more adequate understanding of the home testing Covid-19 positive cases for the town.
- Direction from Board to contact all permitted establishments such as restaurants, grocery stores, and food establishments.

### **New Regulation**

- 314 CMR 16.00: NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SEWAGE POLLUTION.

When we have a sanitary sewer overflow there are requirements from the BOH to notify the public.

These regulations go into effect on 7/6/22. The SSO must be over waste water pump station or associated force main designed to convey peak flows of 1 million gallons per day or greater. The public should be notified in within 2 hours. Broad Cove as the heaviest flow for our stations.

### **21 Leavitt**

- Susan explains she would like to discuss the town counsel, John Coughlin and the Board agreed and gave direction to do so. The septic system has been approved for this location.

## **Scheduling**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 8:00am.

## **Adjournment**

The public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent*

*Documents reviewed during the Public Meeting:*

- *BOH of Health Meeting Agenda*

- *Board of Health Public Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022 and April 20, 2022*
- *Large plans provided to the members of the Board.*
- *Local Upgrade Approval letter for the septic system.*
- *Financial Assurance Mechanism (FAM) Cost Calculus Worksheet*
- *Letter, dated December 14, 2021 re: 100 Industrial Park Presby System from Russell E. Tierney, Managing Director, Weir River Water System*
- *Letter, dated December 14, 2021 re: 100 Industrial Park Presby System from Kevin Hixson, Senior Project Manager*
- *Meeting minutes, dated July 22, 2021, page 2 Sewage Disposal Construction Permit Application for 100 Industrial Park.*
- *Hingham Planning Board Minutes, May 9, 2022*
- *Memo dated 5/13/22 re: ANR Plans & Supplementary Rules and regulations for the Disposal of Sanitary Sewage*
- *Letter dated, 5/4/22 from Rt. Reverend Thomas O'Connor, Glastonbury Abbey*
- *Form A Application for 85 Weir St., Hingham, MA*
- *Copy of the Plan of Land for 85 Weir St., Hingham, MA*
- *EHO May Report*