

TOWN of HINGHAM
BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Public Meeting

July 26, 2023

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, MA. Mr. Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

Members Present

Peter Bickford, Chair

Rosemary Byrne, N.P., Member

Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Member (*Absent*)

Staff Present

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Public Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft of the meeting minutes of June 20, 2023.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023, as amended.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Bickford

Members opposed: none

Action Items:

244 Gardner Street, Hingham, MA, Potable Well Variance Application,

Representative for the Applicant: Terry McSweeney, McSweeney Associates, Inc.

Applicant: Marie Langrill

- Mr. McSweeney presented to the Board the information for variance application to upgrade the septic system at 244 Gardner St.
- There are private potable wells abutting this property and because of their locations, the town required setback of 250' could not be met.
- Mr. McSweeney described the proposed location for the system. The setback does meet state requirement of 100ft from potable well to the field, which is 121 ft.
- Mr. McSweeney confirmed for Mr. Bickford that there is town water on the street.
- Mr. McSweeney also confirmed the type of well, which is a dug well about 40 ft. down. G&L Labs of Quincy are conducting a test on the water samples collected and he is waiting on the results.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the plan dated 7/13/23 and to grant all the variances listed on the application dated June 29, 2023. The following is a list of the variances granted. 310 CMR 5.405(1)(b), 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(i), Town of Hingham, Section VII, F(2), Town of Hingham, Section VII.J, Town of Hingham, Section VII.M.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Bickford

Members opposed: none

5 Woodbine Lane, Hingham, MA, Expansion of Use

Representative for the Applicant: Brendan Sullivan, PE, Merrill Engineering

Applicant: Patrick Blair, Harborview Development

- Mr. Sullivan confirmed that the Form A was approved and recorded which was required at the last meeting in June.
- Discussion regarding the primary and reserve to be excavated and inspected by Consulting Engineer, Pat Brennan.
- Ms. Sarni also informed the Board that she is now requesting that the elevations need to be specifically identified on the plan as the *top of the footing elevation* and *the top of the slab*.
- Mr. Bickford also required a Geotechnical report of the bearing capacity of the soil by an engineer. The report requested is to be submitted before footings are poured and then must be approved by the consulting engineer.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the revised plans dated May 25, 2023 for 5 Woodbine Lane with conditions to be listed by the Executive Health Officer's approval letter; specifically primary and reserve to be excavated and inspected by Consulting Engineer Pat Brennan as well as a Geotechnical report of the bearing capacity of soil. Footings must be on compacted soil before footings are poured and approved by consulting engineer.**

Members in favor: Byrne, Bickford

Members opposed: none

28 Union Street, Expansion of Use

Representative for the Applicant: Brendan Sullivan, PE, Merrill Engineering

Applicant: Matthew Falconeiri, Falconeiri Construction

- This application for variances is for an expansion of use from an existing 3 bedroom dwelling to a 5 bedroom. The two variances are from the town of Hingham Supplementary Rules and Regulations, Section VII.J and VII.M. (1).
- Lots addressed were 28-32 Union are now 28 Union with a proposed gravity system to be installed in the backyard. Both parcels have been recorded.
- Plans have been approved by Conservation and Planning.
- This is on town water.
- Mr. Sullivan also stated that an 81X plan was submitted. An 81X plan shows that no new lots or ways have been created.
- This system will create approximately a 5ft mound in the back.
- The dwelling will be a walk out to grade with basement slab at an elevation of 31 and the whole house will be raised to an elevation of 38 which will be at the top of the system
- The arrows on the plan show the swales for runoff. Trees will be taken close to the property line.
- Abutters are aware of this project per Mr. Sullivan.
- Dr. Eldredge asked via email if the system could be moved to another location. Mr. Chessia, Consulting Engineer stated there were not a lot of options.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bickford and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the variances requested from the Hingham Supplementary Rules and Regulations, Section VII.J and Section VII.M(1). In addition, the approved conditions by the Executive Health Officer specifically, the primary and reserve to be excavated and inspected by Consulting Engineer John Chessia, a Geotechnical report of bearing capacity of soil and the footings must be on compacted soil before footings are poured and approved by consulting engineer.**

New Business

- Theresa Flynn, RN, has been hired and will start July 31, 2023.

EHO REPORT

Scheduling

The next meeting is scheduled tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 30th at 7:30am.

Adjournment

The public meeting of the Hingham Board of Health adjourned 8:30am

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent

Public comment

Mr. Patch wanted to reiterate to the Board that they should make sure the plans that they are reviewing match the plans that are being recorded.

Documents reviewed during the Public Meeting:

- *BOH of Health Meeting Agenda*
- *Board of Health Public Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2023*
- *Application for Variance/Divergence for 244 Gardner Street*
- *Notice of Decision Site Plan Review for 5 Woodbine Lane*
- *Septic Design Plan for 5 Woodbine Lane*
- *Detail Sheet 5 Woodbine Lane*
- *Receipt for Recording at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, 5 Woodbine Lane*
- *Summary of Issues for Variances Requested for 28 & 32 Union Street*
- *Septic Design Plan for 28 & 32 Union Street*
- *81 X Plan for 28 & 32 Union Street*