



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Meeting Minutes**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

MEETING DATE: 1/13/21

TIME: 7:30PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting – this meeting was conducted via remote participation, pursuant to the Current Executive Order.

Members Present: Marie Cannon, Bryan Lynch, Pamela Follett

Other Attendees: Jim Garreffo, Agent for the Board; Ted Doucette PE, Cindy Markowitz, Mark Barbadoro, John Markiewicz, and Mark White

Appointments:

7:45 PM Ted Doucette, PE on behalf of George & Lucy Awiszus - 35 Joseph Road – The septic system for the house didn't pass a Title 5 inspection. soil testing was done and a design was presented by TD for its repair. In order to minimize the grading, a local upgrade approval (GW offset) was requested. After review and discussion, the Board voted to approve the request.

8:00 PM Cindy Markowitz, Mark Barbadoro, Planning Board – A discussion on definitions in the zoning bylaws – The Board met with representatives from Planning Board regarding footnote #12 in the Zoning Rules, the Board has met with a resident about a citizen petition and new businesses. One of the main questions/point of discuss centered on the definition/intent of “incidental” in footnote #12 (use of hazardous materials incidental to business). It was generally agreed the intent of the Town was to limit the quantity of hazardous materials in Town; the Town relies entirely on onsite wells and the groundwater for its drinking water and seeks to minimize potential risks. The discussion broadened to the current proposal for 1414 Mass Ave and how the Town/Board should address the review/approval of such businesses. BL suggested the town should have a Biosafety Review Committee and adopt rules to address these businesses. PF stated Cambridge and Watertown have regulations which the Board could use as a starting point. BL indicated support from the Select Board for monies to hire a consultant to develop regulations for biotech. PF added well developed regulations help ensure environmental protections and legal protections for the Town; appropriate rules and consistent application of the rules are important as well as good policies. CM - Zoning Board regulations are meant to protect the environment. The Board was informed that the Zoning determination for the proposed development will happen as part of the site plan review. BL

noted businesses that use hazardous materials can't dispose of them in their onsite wastewater systems by MADEP permit (Title 5 or GWDP), they would need to be handled in accordance with State law (industrial waste regulations); regulations would need to address the discharge from biological processes. MB stated that businesses can handle hazardous materials but a clearer understanding of the footnote is needed as the Zoning Board's decision to approve a business may require a yes/no answer on the hazardous materials questions.

8:15 PM Mark White – A discussion on the Accessory Apartment Bylaw Mr. White met with the Board to discuss the Accessory Apartment bylaw and the need for additional, creative living units for aging parents/students. There was a general discussion on the current bylaw (and the BOH requirements) the suggestion that these units already exist in town and how they may be made legal. The Board expressed the concern the sewage disposal system needs to comply with Title 5 and their regulations and be adequate for the proposed use. Mr. White expressed concerns about the cost of compliance for the family member who already lives in the house and the Board explained they can't manage who lives in the units and they can be rented to the general public. Additional review of the bylaw will be needed and the Board agreed to review its requirements to ensure they are in line with Title 5 and their regulations.

Discussions:

COVID-19

- JG provided the Board with an update on cases, trends seen in the community/school, update on State orders, standards and of the upcoming (First Responder) clinics.

2) CORRESPONDENCE:

REVIEWED

- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project
- Transfer Station - Third Party Inspection

3) DRINKING WATER REPORTS:

REVIEWED

- 1414 Mass Ave.

4) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Report :

Agent to Review

- 629 Mass Ave
- 330 Codman Hill Rd.
- Brook Village Swanson Rd.
- Cisco Systems II Beaver Brook Rd
- 1414 Mass Ave
- Codman Hill Condominium

5) FOR SIGNATURE:

Invoice for 3rd quarter Nursing and Environmental Services

Approved for signature