



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

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BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

MEETING DATE: 2/10/21

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,
Scott Hayes PE, David Schofield RS, Cindy Markowitz

Appointments:

7:45 PM 168 Old Harvard Rd.- Scott Hayes PE, (Foresite Engineering) requested local upgrade approvals and variances to Board's regulation for the design of an upgrade of a failed septic system at this address. (GW offset 4' to 3, sieve analysis in lieu of perc, reserve area). Mr. Hayes presented the plan and reasons for the requests (soil was wet couldn't perc, GW reduction will help with grading); the Board reviewed the plan and request, got comments from their Agent. The Board voted to grant the requested local upgrade approval and variances to Boxborough regulations.

8:00 PM 218 Liberty Square Rd. David Scofield, RS representing the owner met with the Board to discuss issues with the installation of previously approved plan (ledge noted, wrong plan used for installation) and is requesting an additional (GW) reduction to allow system to remain. BL asked if there was enough soil where the system is located and JG stated that based on previous testing there was. JG expressed concern with the installation and the fact that no call was made to BOH when ledge encountered, and concerned about final grading. After reviewing the plan, the Board voted to allow the additional GW reduction (3' to 2.4') with the conditions the grading doesn't affect the abutter and road.

Discussions:

Biosafety at 1414 Mass Ave. PF opened the discussion with a presentation of the biotech industry as a way to provide an understanding of the industry and start the process for developing regulations for the industry; she also reviewed biosafety regulations from a number of communities. PF answered question from the BOH and CM, who mentioned that the Planning

Board was awaiting Zoning ruling and they anticipate a site plan approval application shortly. BL stated the Board may need outside help with developing regulations and helping to review projects and CM asked about the timing and application of possible regulations and PF mentioned any business should want to work with the Board on these regulations before they open and she stated she would work on a draft for consideration next month. The Board had a discussion on the timing of regulations, the possible content of the regulations and concerns which need to be addressed. CM has some concerns regarding the wastewater BL stated the site has a MassDEP approved wastewater treatment plan which is designed to handle sanitary sewage; an industrial wastewater tight tank may be needed for the processes waste. CM asked about the use of a third party review of projects and PF stated she has the name of an environmental health and safety individual to consult with for assistance. The matter will be on the Board's next agenda.

Priest Lane Preliminary Plan. JG informed the Board he had reviewed the plans and provided comments on the plan, the applicant is looking to create two new lots.

Database of wells and septic system: The Board asked JG if a database existed for the septic system and well locations. JG explained the Agency has a permitting database for SDS's but not one for wells.

Email from John Shonner The Board received a request from community cable channel to share broadcast of the League of Woman Voters Public Health Panel – JG provided the Board with a description of the event and felt it was appropriate for sharing; the Board had no issue.

1) 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 small clinics to vaccinate seniors (working with the Council on Aging).**

2) CORRESPONDENCE:

Reviewed

- Mosquito Control
- MBTA notice of Decrease Environmental Services

3) DRINKING WATER REPORTS:

Agent to Review

- 1414 Mass Ave.

4) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Report :

Agent to Review

5) FOR SIGNATURE:

No items submitted