

February 2, 2021

Meeting opened: 7:30pm, via Zoom conference call.

Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Beauregard; Mona Bissany; Stephan Schaub; Rachel Jackson.

Member Absent: Richard Bringham

Also present: Jonathan Ash, Legal Representation for HFLW; Rebecca Reed, Facility Director for HFLW; Cathy O'Leary, VP Congregate Care for HFLW; Rob Quinn, Senior Advisor for HFLW; Walpole Chief of Police, John Carmichael; Walpole Deputy Chief of Police, Richard Kelleher; Gregg Corbo, Walpole Town Counsel from KP Law; Al Wisialko, 32 Irving Drive & Sean Dacey, 31 Chandler Drive

Weekly COVID19 Town update from Assistant Town Administrator, Patrick Shield and Health Director, Melissa Ranieri

Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2021 Board of Health meeting:

MOTION: Made by Mona Bissany that the Board approves the minutes as written. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS

Animal Permit Application-32 Irving Drive

Documents/Exhibits- Animal Permit Application

The Board of Health reviewed the animal permit application to house (6) six chickens at 32 Irving Drive. Animal Inspector, John Spillane, found no issues with this request.

MOTION: Made by Carol Johnson that the BOH grants the request for an animal permit at 32 Irving Drive. Seconded by Richard Beauregard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS

Septic Variance- 31 Chandler Drive

Documents/Exhibits- Septic Variance Application.

The Board of Health reviewed a request for a septic variance at 31 Chandler Drive seeking relief from the Septic Field setbacks to allow for the proposed construction of an 8'x16' structure.

MOTION: Made by Richard Beauregard that the Board of Health grants the requested septic variance with the understanding that there will be no digging within 5' (five feet) of the septic system and that the system will be flagged prior to construction. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS

Public Hearing- Home for Little Wanderers- Appeal of December 22, 2020 Cease and Desist Order.

Documents/Exhibits- Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board voted to open the public hearing for the Home for Little Wanderers at 7:50pm. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS. During the presentation, representatives from the Home for Little Wanderers, including their legal counsel, voiced their opinions regarding the order. The Walpole Health Director along with the Walpole Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police and Town Counsel, addressed comments made during the discussion.

MOTION: Made by William Morris that the Board vacate the cease and desist order set in place at the December 22, 2020 meeting, based on evidence presented confirming that the conditions that led to the order have been rectified. The BOH is requiring that continued monitoring be in place as said monitoring is an important part of maintaining that the conditions no longer exist. The Board asks that the HFLW, either through legal counsel or representatives for the facility, provide a quarterly update to the Health Director and the Chief of Police over the course of the next year (meeting dates to be determined). The Health Director will supply a report to the Board. Seconded by Carol Johnson. Vote 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS. The Board voted to close the public hearing at 9:58pm. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by William Morris. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Meeting closed at 9:59pm

