

*Town of Norwell*  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**with Public Hearing Votes**  
**May 20, 2020**

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**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
**TIME SCHEDULED:** 7:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting held via Zoom  
**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Lois S. Barbour, Chair  
Philip Y. Brown, Vice Chair  
David Lee Turner, Clerk  
Ralph J. Rivkind, Asst. Clerk  
Roy W. Bjorlin  
Matthew H. Greene  
Stephen T. Bright  
Daniel M. Senteno

This is the third business meeting of the Board of Appeals held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic under Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and related Emergency Executive Order, dated March 12, 2020.

The Chair read the requirements for participants and attendees that was prepared by Town Counsel for remote meeting platforms. Sign-in information is to be included on both the business meeting and public hearing agenda.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The business meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.

**AGENDA:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present were individually polled and **VOTED** unanimously to accept the agenda, as written.

**MINUTES:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present were individually polled and **VOTED** unanimously to approve the business meeting minutes of 3/18/20, as written with reading of the minutes waived. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present were individually polled and **VOTED** unanimously to approve the executive session minutes of 4/6/20, as written with reading of the minutes waived.

**INVOICES:** No invoices were presented

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion of resumption of remote public hearings ensued. Several points in favor of resumption included pressure from applicants and the potential back-up of applications that could result from extended delay in scheduling public hearings. The Chair had shared the proposed remote meeting policy approved by the Board of Selectmen, including delaying decisions to a continued public hearing date to ensure that members of the public had sufficient opportunity to participate and offer evidence or comments. Members prefer to settle routine cases in one hearing but would likely continue more complicated cases as a matter of routine.

Therefore, upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present were individually polled and **VOTED** unanimously to resume public hearings remotely.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present were individually polled and **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the business meeting at approximately 7:33 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None scheduled

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

*These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes waived by unanimous vote of the Board of Appeals at a public meeting duly held on \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with M.G.L. c40A, Section 11, and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
As Clerk/Assistant Clerk *asst Clerk*

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