

Town of Norwell
BOARD OF APPEALS
Public Hearing Minutes
May 5, 2022

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MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2022
TIME SCHEDULED: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Osborn Room
MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois S. Barbour, Chair
Philip Y. Brown, Vice Chair
Ralph J. Rivkind, Clerk
Daniel M. Senteno
Nicholas K. Dean
Stephen H. Lynch
MEMBERS ABSENT: William J. Lazzaro

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order at approximately 7:06 P.M. and the public notice read by Member Rivkind. Mr. Lynch reviewed the protocol for Zoom participants.

DISCUSSION: Chair Barbour indicated updates from the 2014 Rules are minimal and result from revisions in the law and/or regulations for stormwater and 40B. Interim Director of Planning Ilana Quirk and Town Consultant John Chessia reviewed the stormwater section that will likely be presented to Planning Board members for adoption. The 40B section has also been reviewed and updated by Ilana Quirk and John Chessia.

Member Brown indicated most of the changes appear to be housekeeping and editorial changes. Member Barbour stated that dates for filing of decisions and expirations of relief granted are as provided in the Town's zoning bylaw or state law. None of those dates is arbitrary or has been changed.

Relating to public notice, Member Rivkind raised the question of number of envelopes for public notice on each application and how to charge for filing. Member Barbour indicated she had discussed with the Board's administrative assistant how the public notice should be handled and does not want to change the current process that otherwise could result in cumbersome bookkeeping. There was also a discussion about filing fees that are meant to cover the cost of handling an application; Norwell currently charges about half of the surrounding municipalities fee schedule. However, this will be discussed further as a separate topic at a later date. Any changes in the Board's fees require approval by the Select Board before becoming effective.

Should conform 5.3 for notice

6.1 public hearing process abutters list issue rjr notice to parties at interest

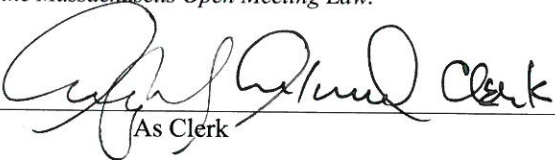
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Member Rivkind noted that no building permit can be issued without recording of the Board's decision with the Registry of Deeds per § 301-7.5.

Member Brown wants to send the Rules back to Town Counsel for a final review. Member Barbour noted that both Attorney Galvin and Interim Director of Planning Ilana Quirk had reviewed the document and made changes, especially in the Stormwater and Comprehensive Permit sections. The abutters' notice section may need to be revised to conform with the current process. Member Barbour will discuss public notice with the Board's admin and provide more detailed information on fees in surrounding municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, at approximately 8:00 P.M., members present **VOTED** unanimously to continue the public hearing to May 11, 2022.

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 6/1/22 in accordance with M.G.L. c40A, Section 11, and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed:  Clerk Date: 6/1/22
As Clerk

Next scheduled meeting: May 11, 2022

Public Hearing – 5/11/22

7:30 P.M. Site Plan/Special Permits: **111-119 Washington Street** (LSB, SHL, NKD)

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