

Town of Norwell
BOARD OF APPEALS
Business Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022

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MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 3, 2022
TIME SCHEDULED: 5:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Water Commissioners Office
MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois S. Barbour, Chair
Ralph J. Rivkind, Clerk
Stephen H. Lynch

PURPOSE: The panel members for the 15 High Street 40B public hearings scheduled a joint-meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners to present a letter from panel members that provided information about resident concerns gathered during the public hearings. In addition to three ZBA members, six High Street residents also attended.

The Water Commissioners had received the letter sent earlier in the week and were receptive to concerns of the residents in the High Street neighborhood. Chair St. Ours detailed the water pressure issues that relate to the elevation in that area, which is the highest in the Town. He provided a basic physics lesson that involved discussion of stand pipes and water towers and the requirement that pressure remain as stable as possible over the areas provided with public water.

The Water Commissioners also noted their concerns about residential use, especially watering of lawns during the summer months that can double the amount used over winter months. They are working on ways to improve public access to information about current and future water concerns. One example of something that may not be widely known is that the Water Commissioners work closely with the North and South Rivers Watershed Association on common issues.

ZBA members were pleased to learn that the Water Department has three warrant articles for the ATM in May, including one to purchase equipment that could stabilize water pressure for the High Street neighborhood within the next year or so and another for well exploration.

ADJOURNMENT: ZBA members left the meeting at approximately 6:00 P.M.

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 4/6/22 in accordance with M.G.L. c40A, Section 11, and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____

As Clerk

Date: _____

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Next scheduled meeting: March 9, 2022