

Weston Board of Health
Minutes for Meeting March 18, 2021
4:04pm-4:45pm

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Sharon Bonica – Administrative Assistant II, Meeting minutes

Residents: Kathy Fennell, Abutter for 12 Highland St.
Jay Slater, Abutter for 12 Highland St.
Christopher Welles

I. **No Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

II. **Hearing – 12 Highland St.** – Kevin O’Leary, P.E. The Jillson Company

- The applicant is requesting a Title 5 variance for approval to construct a “Replacement” Soil Absorption System (SAS) for the above listed property. The applicant is requesting the offset of +/- 80 ft to the existing below grade storm drain line in Highland St, which 100 ft. is required for separation distance by Title 5.
- The property is a long, thin, rectangle (approx. 100 ft x 450 long) paralleling Highland St. and contains a 3BR, 8 room, 1.75 single story family house. The house was built in the late 1800’s and has Town water and gas.
- 3.10CMR15.404(3)(e) – The provisions of section 15.212(b) requires 100 horizontal setback distance from the Soil Absorption System to an “Open Surface or Subsurface Drain which discharge to Surface Water Supplies or Tributaries thereto”.
- The request is for 80 ft. to this Drain to the tributary in place of 100 ft. due to the width of the lot at 99 ft wide.
- There is no available lot area for the SAS to be placed providing further offset to Highland St. storm drain line.
- This is a typical pipe and stone gravity system

- The lower elevation to the drain line is more than 100 ft. to any wetlands of the abutters.
- A letter was sent to Cambridge Water Division for the approval

The abutter Kathy Fennell had questions on clearcutting of trees on the property. Kevin said on third of an acre would need to be cut for the SAS and will have additional grading done on the easterly lot line.

The abutter Jay Slater had questions about the number of trees to be removed by his property line. Kevin O'Leary state that 40 – 50 ft off of his property at 250 Boston Post Rd. would be cut and leave him some privacy. The leaching trenches will be 12 ft. off of his property line. Jay Slater is asking that they put up additional erosion control or a temporary fence to keep the contractors from going onto his property. Jay Slater stated he has a survey done so no one would trespass on his property.

Wendy Diotalevi spoke about the erosion control and is isn't necessary to put up any temporary fencing. She mentioned that the contractors would be in and out within 7-10-day period. Jay Slater was still insistent on the additional barrier for the contractors not trespassing on his property.

The Board Members discussed this situation and voted that the engineer, Kevin O'Leary, put up the additional erosion control and caution tape abutting his property lot lines.

Dr. David Kominz motioned to allow the variance as designed by Kevin O'Leary, P.E. of The Jillson Company to be installed less than 100 ft. to the Highland St. drain to the tributary.

Unanimous vote by Laura Azzam and Dr. David Kominz.

III. **Director's Report & COVID-19 Updates**

Resident Christopher Welles was asking Wendy Diotalevi about the COVID 19 cases in Weston. Wendy responded by telling that there was just a cluster in the school system identifying 20 contacts. They are being quarantined and followed up by the BOH contact tracing team.

Wendy spoke about the clinics that were held at Brook School and Merriam Village for first doses and an upcoming clinic at the COA for 2nd doses.

There were questions about any additional doses for BOH. We are not sure of getting additional doses at this time.

IV. **Next Meeting**
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 4:00PM (Zoom Meeting)

V. **Meeting Adjourned:**
4:45pm