

Time being 7:00 p.m. **August 3, 2020** Eric Arvedon opened the meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts. Eric Arvedon, Chairman presiding, Paul Steeves, Vice Chairman, Betsy Allo, MPH, Clerk, Pauline Zajdel, Health Director and Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator were present. Meeting took place in the Andrew A. Gala, Jr. Meeting Room inside Foxborough Town Hall at 40 South Street.

*(Chairman Eric Arvedon discussed proper social distancing measures to be expected and followed by all those present throughout the duration of the meeting)*

E. Arvedon read the agenda of the August 3, 2020 Foxborough Board of Health meeting aloud.

**7:00 p.m.      Chip Triebwasser, Owner – 7 Birch Tree Road  
Well Variance Request – Setback to Property Line**

Chip Triebwasser, owner of 7 Birch Tree Road, was present to discuss his interest in installing a private shallow point irrigation well on his property. In order to meet the required setbacks relative to his existing leaching field, the proposed location of the well would result in not meeting the required setback from the front property line and was therefore asking for a variance.

Before discussing C. Triebwasser's variance request, E. Arvedon wanted to inform the Owner that the current Board of Health private well regulations may go under review in the near future. Although the specific changes that will be incorporated into the new regulations have not been discussed in depth, E. Arvedon suggested there may be restrictions on private well water use in the future, in order to protect the aquifer. C. Triebwasser understood and appreciated the information.

P. Steeves asked if there were any concerns meeting setbacks relative to his neighbor's septic components. C. Triebwasser responded no. P. Steeves continued and expressed his concern around the limited documentation presented to the Board that actually showed the location of the proposed well and setbacks.

*(No application or plan had been submitted to the Foxborough Health Department to date).*

B. Allo made a motion to grant a ten-foot variance to 7 Birch Tree Road and allow a private well to be installed five feet from the front property line, provided that, abutter green cards are submitted and a survey with an approved plot plan is submitted to ensure the well is 100 feet from the leaching field, 50 feet from the tank and five feet from the front property line. P. Steeves seconded the motion. E. Arvedon called for discussion.

C. Triebwasser stated he did have a plot plan of the property from a survey that had been conducted by the previous owner. He forwarded this document to P. Zajdel during the meeting who subsequently left the meeting to print copies for the Board.

P. Steeves moved to lay the pending motion on the table until such time that supplemental documents provided by the Owner, currently being printed, are made available. B. Allo seconded the motion. E. Arvedon called for discussion. Hearing none, E. Arvedon called for a vote. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

**7:22 p.m.** P. Steeves made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020, as written. B. Allo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

**7:23 p.m.** B. Allo made a motion to approve the following bill:

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| Verizon Wireless (Data usage for BOH inspection tablet) | \$79.98 |
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P. Steeves seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

**7:35 p.m.** P. Zajdel returned and provided the Board with copies of the plot plan just provided by the Owner.

P. Steeves moved to take from the table the pending motion. B. Allo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0. Discussion continued.

The Board members reviewed the submitted plot plan and E. Arvedon commented on the existing benchmarks that should be used when developing a plot plan that would be submitted to the Board of Health. P. Zajdel further stated, the plot plan will need to show the exact location of the well and all setbacks.

Hearing no further discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote on the motion on the floor. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

*(In lieu of green cards, C. Triebwasser's contracted well driller provided all direct abutters with a letter, informing each of them of the variance request. The letter was signed by all abutters and this letter with signatures was submitted to the Board and are included in the supplemental meeting documents)*

Hearing no further discussion relative to the variance at 7 Birch Tree Road, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 8:14 p.m.

**8:14 p.m.** **Health Directors Updates**

- The Foxborough Health Department Office continues to be inundated with COVID related complaints and questions.
- An email addressed to the Board of Health from Graham Silliman, Owner of Citizen Crust and Tavolino Restaurants was received on July 31, 2020. Content of the email included a request for the Board of Health to discuss and consider actions to create COVID-19 testing capabilities for Foxborough residents and businesses.

**8:35 p.m.** B. Allo made a motion to adjourn. P. Steeves seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2020.

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Betsy Allo, MPH, Clerk/dp