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# Town of Northborough

Earthwork Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

63 Main Street

Selectmen's Meeting Room

7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Janet Sandstrom (Chair), Fred Philcox, Anthony Ziton

**Members Absent:** Tom Beals, Tony Pini

**Others Present:** Fred Litchfield (Town Engineer), see attached Sign-In Sheet

At 7:00 p.m. Ms. Sandstrom called the meeting to order.

Review Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2018 – Mr. Philcox made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Ziton seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

#### **Bond Release/Reduction Discussions:**

Tim Shay, 154 Main Street; 53/132 (Permit 2017-8) – Mr. Litchfield received the as-built plan; it is stabilized. Mr. Pini made a motion to release the \$5,500 bond for 154 Main Street; Mr. Philcox seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

PAMJAM Realty, 111 Otis Street; 105/49 (Permit 2017-4) – Mr. Litchfield received the as-built plan; he wants all the information included so they can also get a release from the Conservation Commission and the Building Inspector. Mr. Pini made a motion to release the \$9,000 bond for 111 Otis Street; Mr. Philcox seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

#### **Other Business:**

Mr. Ziton said he will remain on the board for the time being. Ron Doucett was in the audience tonight and showed interest. Mr. Litchfield explained the process to become a member.

Ms. Sandstrom is being asked by residents what is happening with 25 West Main Street. Mr. Litchfield said there was concern with the lack of progress but has been told that the owner plans to proceed. There were some issues the owner had with the contractor who did work in the back that wasn't quite right, but they are working out a repair plan. The permit will be up for renewal soon, at which time the board can question them further.

Ms. Sandstrom visited 137 West Main Street (Dick Martino, Optician) and said it looks very good; they did a nice job. She checked the grades after the heavy rains and said everything is working well.

Mr. Ziton asked about 89 West Main Street. Mr. Litchfield said the building has been removed. The owner received ZBA approval and has an Earthwork Permit. They also need permits from MassDOT. The state has concerns with the way the drainage was set up. The building will be three levels; the first level will be a beauty shop (commercial); the second and third levels will be apartments. Mr. Doucette asked what would

happen if the dirt in the back made it out to the road. Mr. Litchfield explained that it is a requirement of the Earthwork Board to have a bond in place equal to the value of stabilizing the lot in the event they walk away.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Zitton made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Philcox seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Rich  
Board Secretary