

September 8, 2020

Executive Session

Zoom Meeting

Present: Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Erica Blake, Selectmen: Andrew Alward, Jennifer Gill, Kevin Surret, Jennifer Dean Wing, Town Administrator, Peter Caruso, Building Commissioner, Lincoln Barber. Kristina Herrick attended the meeting as Mr. Barbers' representative, a left session early.

Gill motioned to enter into the executive session, Alward second the motion at 7:38 p.m.
Roll call vote: Alward-aye, Blake-aye, Gill- aye, Surret- aye, Wing-aye (5 aye, 0-nay)

Gill explained why she held the appointment of the Building Commissioner. Gill shared a document earlier with the board that summarized her conversations with twelve individuals. Any item that came up four times ($\frac{1}{3}$ of complaints), it was listed. There were fourteen listed items . The members of the Board acknowledged that they had read it prior to the meeting. Wing asked if Gill was actively seeking applicants for this position and Gill responded yes. Blake and Caruso also spoke to the matter at this time.

Barber spoke to his current position, misconception by the public and his extensive training in OSHA, eleven state and national exams and working with Town's legal counsel on cases. He reminded the Board that his job is to ensure building codes are met and thus protecting the homeowners.

Barber then proceeded through the written complaints. He gave the history of each property, his inspections and conversations with the individuals and the outcome. Selectmen were able to ask clarifying questions and explanations throughout the discussion.

The complaints that were discussed were:

- Gregg Haynes- 8 Lenlor Lane: Barber was working with Town Counsel and the ZBA for structures not permitted.
- Josh Poznanski- No address given: Barber admitted that he made a mistake due to a poorly written bylaw and suggestion given by the Town Administrator.
- Jim Belisle- No address given: Barber stated that he talked to the family about removing a pool during a previous incident. Barber states that items in the complaint did not occur.
- Linda Bassett and Rob Wilkinson, contractor: Barber stated there were problems having the deck and forms complying to code and framing mistakes.

- Preston Juskavitch- 132 Main Street: Barber stated that plumbing was being put in, and work on the third floor that was not listed on the permit. This went to court and the individual was fined \$1,200
- Lori Vas- 77 Chestnut Hill Road: Barber stated he asked permission of the contractor to enter as they were working. It was noted that a permit was not obtained for the work.
- Blanchette- 112 Grove Street: Barber stated there was a water issue and a pipe was hit. During a frame inspection issues were noted to be brought up to code.
- Melanie Lemay/ Samuel Croteau- 2 Maryanne Way: Barber stated it was a homeowner permit with multiple projects. When an inspection was done it was noted that the whole project was not listed on the permit as it was approved.

Complaints not addressed, due to the later hour and at the agreement of all parties: Annette Carroll- 31 Hill Street, Cole Young- No address given, Danielle Vito- Main Street, and A Reynold.

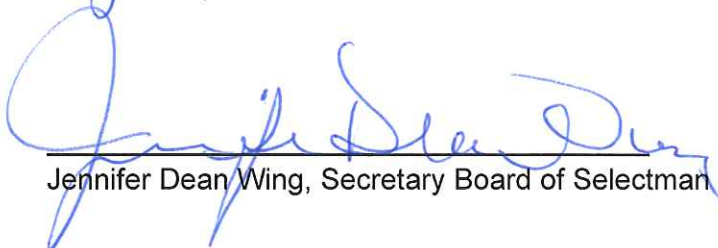
All attendees had a chance to speak if they wished prior to leaving the executive session.

Jennifer Gill motioned to leave executive session, Kevin Surrect second the motion at 10:00 p.m.
Roll call vote: Alward-aye, Blake-aye, Gill- aye, Surrect- aye, Wing-aye. (5 aye, 0-nay)

Addendum: Selectman Gill's notes


Erica Blake, Chairman Board of Selectmen


Jennifer Gill, Vice Chairman Board of Selectmen


Jennifer Dean Wing, Secretary Board of Selectman


Andrew Alward

Notes from Lincoln Barber Executive Session

1. Anonymous claims: Lincoln dismissed all these claims and disputed that people were scared of him.
2. Preston: He said that Preston's plans for him home were inadequate as he was asking for just 1 bedroom as part of the plan. He said that Preston complained about money despite owning two properties in town.
 - a. Lincoln said his wife saw a car at the second home Preston purchased and went over there to investigate.
 - b. Lincoln said that anyone who wanted to attend an inspection was welcome to come and he would never prevent additional people from being there.
3. Lori Vaz: He said this was the one complaint that bothered him. His version of the events was he asked the gentleman working on the door frame if he could step inside and just look at the work that was being done and that person said yes so he stepped in to take a look at the door. Lincoln said as soon as he was done he exited the home.
4. Josh Posnanski: He said he was unclear on the difference between permitted (allowed) and permitted (as in permit required) the previous Town Administrator said he needed to get the sign down so he drove over there to speak with Josh. It should be noted that this is not the process as part of our bylaws – the bylaws state a certified letter must be written regarding signs.
 - a. He then said Josh came running out of his house and started swearing at him.
5. Greg Hanes: He stated that Greg works as a police officer in Blackstone and his wife works as a teacher. He stated that when he initially went to the property there were several structures there that permits were not pulled for. Mr. Hanes provided documentation that verified these changes were made more than 10 years ago. Lincoln stated that Erica Blake offered to broker a meeting with Lincoln and Mr. Hanes and Mr. Hanes turned him down.
6. Rob Wilkinson: Lincoln stated that this person did work for Linda Bassett and Lori Lege and disputed Rob's claims of having exclusive status as a platinum vendor.
7. Jim Belisle: He stated that Mr. Belisle inherited his grandfather's house and had a pool on his property illegally and asked him to take it down.