



BOARD OF HEALTH
March 19, 2024

The meeting was held in Room 9 of the Town Hall and was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Dan King, Dr. Jane Williams and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 2, 2024.

The Board reviewed and approved the February 20, 2024 minutes.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspections.

Public Hearing – 46 Fiorenza Drive - application for 6 chickens

The applicant, Thomas Broderick is applying for 6 chickens. The animal control inspector gave a favorable recommendation. One abutter entered comments that they did not approve of the chickens and they did not want them running throughout the neighborhood. The coop and run have not been installed yet. Chickens are not allowed to be free range and must remain in the coop and run. Dr. Williams motioned to approve the application for 6 chickens, Dr. King, seconded, voted 3-0.

Tobacco Control Inspector

Tachya Soto, the Tri-Ton coalition tobacco inspector was scheduled to attend the meeting. Due to a conflict, she was unable to attend. The Board has received February's monthly report and supporting documents. There was discussion on Environmental Justice and how it relates to the tobacco compliance program. Environmental Justice (EJ) is based on the principle that all people have the right to be protected from environmental pollution and to live in and enjoy a clean, healthy environment. Various forms of discrimination and racism have created long-standing health inequities for people of color and lower-income individuals. Wilmington does not have any EJ districts. Tachya will begin retailer education inspections in Wilmington next week. The Director will invite Tachya to the next meeting.

Department Business

The Finance Committee/Planning Board public hearing for the Town meeting warrant articles is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tonight. The Director attends.

A new Town Manager has been appointed pending contract negotiations.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Williams, seconded, voted 3-0.

Recording:

Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health