



BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
October 7, 2014

The Board of Health held a meeting in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be October 21, 2014 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board tabled the October 7, 2014 minutes until the next meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved the most recent food inspections.

New Business

Public hearing 4 Ferguson Road-application for 6-8 chickens

Applicant, Beth Bamberg was present. The animal inspector gave a favorable recommendation. Abutter at 95 Shawsheen Avenue was present and voiced some concerns. He has allergies and is worried about the manure. Dr. Ficociello asked how she was going to get rid of the manure. She will compost and transport off site. Abutter at 122 Shawsheen Avenue was present. She has allergies to feathers. She is worried about the chickens attracting nuisance wildlife. Dr. Ficociello stated that animal permits are by discretion of the Board and not by right. He suggested that the neighbors try and work something out cooperatively and address these issues. In light of the issues, Dr. Ficociello finds it hard to vote to approve the application. Dr. Ficociello made a motion to deny the application, Ms. Sabounjian, second, voted 2-0.

Public hearing 109 West Street-application for 20 chickens

Applicant, Michael Bodnar was present. The Director gave some background on the case. The animal inspector found that Mr. Bodnar was keeping chickens without a permit. After inspection of the property with the Director, the MSPCA was called to the site for keeping the chickens under inhumane conditions. Mr. Bodnar is showing a pattern and history of not following the rules when it comes to getting animal permits. The animal inspector will not give a recommendation at this time. The Director does not give a recommendation at this time. Ms. Sabounjian stated that she has no confidence in Mr. Bodnar to follow the rules. Dr. Ficociello is also concerned with the sanitary code violations on the property and the management of other pets. Dr. Ficociello made a motion to deny the application, Ms. Sabounjian, second, voted 2-0. Dr. Ficociello would like the Director to cite Mr. Bodnar for the unsanitary conditions on his property and nuisance violations. Abutter, Michael Roberts, 107 West Street was in attendance to voice his concerns regarding the property. The Director will start legal enforcement proceedings against 109 West Street.

Olin

The Director has not received any correspondence back from Olin regarding the Boards request to come into a meeting to discuss drinking water issues. Dr. Ficociello has concerns over housing values, children that live in these homes. He would like to meet with Town Counsel, EPA, Town Manager to discuss these concerns.

MDPH


The Director presented the Board with an update on the Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study. Robert Knorr provided a written update to the committee outlining that future monies will need to be finish the

study and more information is needed on water modeling studies. Dr. Ficociello is confused as to what purpose continuing a 20 year old study will provide. There has been mistakes made along the way.

Flu

Upcoming flu clinics will be on October 16 and October 28th. These are for residents ages 5 and up. Both the Flu mist and inject able will be available.

Dr. Ficociello motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., Ms. Sabounjian second.



Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health