

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES May 3, 2016

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 5:45 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 May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board reviewed and approved the April 19, 2016 minutes

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports

Dr. Ficociello's term expired on April 30th. After conversations with Jeffrey Hull, Town Manager, it was decided that he would not renew his term. The Board members received a confirmation letter affirming this. Elizabeth Sabounjian read the letter into the minutes and highlighted that Dr. Ficociello has been the longest serving volunteer member of any Board or Commission in Town. His perseverance and passion for public health issues has always been in the forefront for the Community. Ms. Sabounjian echoed the Town Managers sentiments and hopes that Dr. Ficociello will remain an active member of the Community. Dr. Williams concurred.

5 Birch Road - public hearing, application for chickens

The Applicant, Douglas Drozdowski presented his application for 2 chickens. He is renting a whole package for 3 months. He wants to make sure that he and his family will be able to care for chickens. The Animal Control Inspector gave a favorable recommendation and no abutters had concerns. Ms. Sabounjian let the applicant know that an animal permit in Town is a privilege and not right. If he wishes to continue and make this a permanent coop he will let the animal control inspector know. Dr. Williams motioned to approve, Ms. Sabounjian, second, voted 2-0.

Elias Country Store

Mike Elia was present to discuss the progress on his code violations. The Director inspected the store today. Ms. Sabounjian stated that the Board is adamant about providing Mr. Elia with stricter deadlines based on past inspections. Mr. Elia has addressed the temporary storage issues by ordering racks that will go in the Dairy case and that will separate the prepared meals from the butcher case. The racks should be in by the end of the week 5/8/16. The Director will check in with the store next week. A permanent outside storage refrigeration unit is being proposed, however it needs permitting from Planning Board, Conservation Commission and then the Building Department. Planning and Conservation meet this week and the Director expects no hurdles. The complete project should be done in 6-8 weeks. The Board will revisit the issue at the June 21, 2016 meeting.

Other Business

The Director received a complaint regarding the size of the chicken coop at 3 Loumac Road, which was approved at the April 5, 2016 meeting. She will consult with the Building Inspector.

Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health