



BOARD OF HEALTH
June 5, 2018

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. Daniel King DMD, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be June 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board reviewed and approved the May 15, 2018 minutes.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

New Business

71 High Street, public hearing application for 12 chickens

Silvio Dos Santos is applying for an animal permit for 12 chickens. The animal control officer gave a favorable recommendation. No abutters presented comments. Dr. King motioned to approve the application, Dr. Williams, seconded, voted 3-0. Public hearing was closed.

362 Middlesex Avenue-septic systems flow determination

Bettering LLC the developers for the proposed detox center were present with the engineer, Ben Osgood, to discuss the septic system flow rate for the building. The Director presented a brief synopsis of the situation. A septic system plan was submitted to the Office on April 24, 2018. Several errors were found on the plan. The one that is in dispute was the determination of the flow rate per Title 5. Since no pre-determined flow rate is in the code, there was a disagreement between the Director and the Engineer for the project as to which flow rate to use, nursing home at 150 gpd vs. hospital at 200 gpd. The wastewater division at the Department of Environmental Protection suggested that we look at similar facilities and then bring it before the Board for a determination. The Director and the Engineer began working together looking for similar properties and facilities. Mr. Osgood presented the Board with a floor plan and some statements on why he believes it should be constituted as a nursing home flow. Some points are as follows:

- *The scope of services provided are not what ASAM criteria considers a hospital
- *THE facility will not include medical equipment consistent with a hospital
- *There is no outpatient treatment at this facility.

Also presented were flow rates for similar facilities throughout New England. Dr. Jane had comments about the design of the facility and exam rooms, number of bathrooms and staffing. Dr. King agreed with Dr. Williams about the staffing. The Board of Health does not regulate this type of facility, the State would be in charge. However, the plumbing inspector will look at the plans during the building permit process and determine if the number of bathrooms meet the plumbing code. Chairman, Ms. Sabounjian wants to get back to the issue before the Board which is the flow rate. Dr. King thinks 150gpd is appropriate as compared to other facilities. Dr. Jane thinks, while 150gpd is low and scientifically works, she has no objection. Ms. Sabounjian is comfortable with the 150 gpd flow. Dr. Jane motioned to approve the 150 gpd flow rate for the detox facility at 362 Middlesex Avenue for design of the septic system, Dr. King, seconded, voted 3-0.

(All correspondence pertaining to this agenda item will be attached to the minutes)


Dr. Williams asked that several issues be brought to the attention of the Planning Board during site plan review. The Director will put them in writing and submit as Board of Health comments:

- *Is this just a detox facility, or what about prevention after?
- *What is the family counseling room?
- *# of bathrooms, is it sufficient?
- *# of employees, during all shifts vs. beds
- *Security?
- *Exam room size?
- *Can the smoking patio be moved so that it is not on the residential property line?

Department business

The Beach will be open on June 9 and the Director has started testing.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., voted 3-0.



Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health