



BOARD OF HEALTH
November 15, 2022

The meeting was in Room 5 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Daniel King, Dr. Jane Williams and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on December 20, 2022.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of November 15, 2022.

New Business

**Public Hearing 3 MyWay Circle
Application to keep 7 ducks**

The Shuyun Zhang was present. The Director explained that the office received a complaint regarding the keeping of ducks without a permit. The applicant presented a plan and pictures of the ducks. The Director entered into record 3 written comments from the abutters. The main concerns were the ducks are noisy, they are roaming free and there is a smell from time to time. Since meeting with the animal control officer, Mr. Zhang has agreed to keep them contained. He does go out every day and feeds them and plays with them, he stated they are his pets. He acknowledges that they do make noise when they see him and it is time to feed them. Peking ducks have a very low flight capability and cannot fly more than 5-6 feet. He will not let them roam free anymore while he is not out in the yard with them. He is composting the waste and will lime the pile to reduce odors. He has a dog pool that he refills for a water source. He explained that the ducks are a hobby for him and his wife who are now retired and he got the ducks as baby chicks. The Peking ducks are not laying eggs yet.

Dr. Williams addressed the predator concerns and noted that coyotes are abundant in Wilmington, regardless of animal permits or not. Mr. Zhang has seen a hawk flying around his yard but is keeping the ducks inside more when he sees them. Dr. Williams does not see the endangerment of the welfare of the environment due to the keeping of ducks. Dr. King is abstaining from comments as one of the abutters is a patient of his practice.

Dr. Williams made a motion to allow the permit for the Peking ducks with the stipulation that the animal control officer will make routine visits and conduct any compliance checks due to complaints. The Board will also revisit this permit request next year at a Board meeting or any other time if warranted. Animal permits are not given by right. Chairman, Ms. Sabounjian mentioned that this is not the first time the Board has issued a permit with this condition. Voted 2-0, with Dr. King abstaining.

Department Business

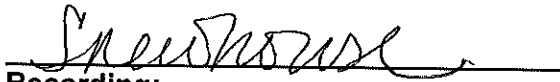
Proposed changes to Section 8 of the Wilmington Health Regulations

The Director wants the Board to review changes to Section 8 Smoking regulations. It is time to incorporate all flavored substances into the e-cigarette and/or electronic nicotine delivery system definition. More substances other than nicotine are being vaped, such as CBD and hemp products, both flavored and unflavored. These changes will align with the surrounding Towns and the recommendations from the Department of Public Health. The Director will draft the proposed changes

to the regulations, and we will hold a public hearing at an upcoming meeting. In the meantime, the Director will review the proposed changes with Town Counsel.

COVID and Flu clinics have been attended very well. The Department will be holding another combination clinic on Wednesday November 23 at the Town hall

Dr. King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., Dr. Williams seconded, voted 3-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shelly Newhouse", written over a horizontal line.

Recording:
Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health