



BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
January 5, 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 5:50 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. James Ficociello, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be February 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board approved the December 20, 2015 minutes.

The Board reviewed and approved the most recent food inspections. The Director updated the Board on New Year's Eve inspections.

**588 Woburn Street**

Carlos and Elizabeth Pimental were present to discuss the application for renewal of their animal permit. During routine inspections by the animal inspector and the Health Director, conditions at the coop were found to be unsatisfactory and other animals were being kept that were not authorized by the permit including a large number of rabbits and 28 pigeons. The rabbits were surrendered to the animal inspector. The pigeons are still on the property. All the animal housing, including the chicken coop, had a large amount of feces, loss of water and food and overall unsanitary conditions. The Director ordered the Pimental's to also immediately surrender the pigeons and clean up the coop. After inspection by the animal inspector, coop conditions have improved. Elizabeth Pimental explained that they got in over their heads this past fall and they will make sure that the coop conditions are clean and sanitary. And she indicated that they will take the pigeons off the property as ordered. Dr. Ficociello made a motion that they approve the renewal of the permit to have up to 20 chickens (it was previously for 30 chickens) conditional for 3 months, then immediately removing the pigeons, and extension of the remaining year of the permit only if the conditions remain acceptable. Dr. Williams, second, voted 3-0. The Director will update the Board as to conditions in 3 months.

**Cancer Incidence Report –MDPH**

The Board was presented with Wilmington's Cancer Incidence report 2007-2011. For each city and town, this report provides expected case counts, observed case counts, standardized incidence ratios, and confidence intervals for 23 types of cancer and for all cancers combined.

**Old Business**

The animal control/inspector job has been posted and we are conducting interviews next week.

The Board was updated on the status of the proposed transfer station at the Olin property. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) accepted the recent EPA "comfort" letter into the record and set a public comment period that has been extended to January 14, 2016. The Town, with assistance from Town Counsel, its consultant GeoInsight and Elizabeth Sabounjian representing the Board of Health, is preparing a comment letter. Dr. Ficociello requested that the Town Manager and Town Counsel be invited to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss history and developments related to the Olin site.

Dr. Ficociello made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., voted 3-0.

  
Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health