



BOARD OF HEALTH
April 4, 2023

The meeting was in Room 5 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, and Dr. Daniel King and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 18, 2023.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

New Business

Public Hearings

10 Bailey Road—application for up to 4 chickens

Ann Paris, the applicant, is applying for 4 chickens. The Director presented the Board with a plot plan of the lot and chicken coop. The animal control inspector gave a favorable recommendation. No comments from the abutters. Dr. King motioned to approve the application for an animal permit for up to 4 chickens; Ms. Sabounjian seconded, voted 2-0.

16R Hillside Way—application for up to 6 chickens

Katie Gallagher, the applicant, is applying for 6 chickens. The Director presented the Board with a plot plan of the lot and chicken coop. The animal control inspector gave a favorable recommendation. No comments from the abutters. Dr. King motioned to approve the application for an animal permit for up to 6 chickens; Ms. Sabounjian seconded, voted 2-0.

8 Ayotte Street—application for up to 6 chickens

The applicant, Frank Downs, was present. Mr. Down's has had the chickens for quite some time and as a result of a neighbor complaint he was instructed by the animal control officer to obtain a permit. The Director presented the Board with photos of the property and written comments from abutters were entered into the record. Ms. Sabounjian addressed the neighbors' concerns and complaints and stated that chicken permits are not by right, but by the process of obtaining a permit. The chickens cannot free range other than on the property of 8 Ayotte Street. Mr. Down's will fence in the side property line so that the chickens will not get out. Jill Murphy, a neighbor, was present and commented that the chickens roam the neighborhood until Frank comes and gets them by luring them with food. They want the chickens to remain in a fenced area on 8 Ayotte Street. Much contentious discussion was made back and forth from Mr. Downs and the present neighbors. Ms. Sabounjian reminded the applicant that he cannot have the chickens free range throughout the neighborhood and this should be motivation for him to be able to keep his permit. Dr. King reiterated that he wants it clear that the chickens have to remain on the property of 8 Ayotte Street, and he supports the Chairman's comments. Dr. King motioned to approve the application for an animal permit for up to 6 chickens; Ms. Sabounjian seconded, voted 2-0. After the hearing ended, the neighbors came back into the meeting to complain about a threatening encounter with Mr. Down's in the hallway. They also complained about his dog roaming free. Ms.

Sabounjian instructed them to contact the police department and the animal control officer with any future complaints about the dog and the chickens.

New Business

T5 Betterment -24 Arlene Avenue

The Board reviewed a T5 Betterment in the amount of \$40,920.00 for Paul and Edi Cooper. Dr. King motioned to approve the T5 Betterment; Ms. Sabounjian seconded, voted 2-0.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., Ms. Sabounjian, seconded, voted 2-0.

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

Recording:
Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health