



BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
April 19, 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. James Ficociello, and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be May 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

Garden of Eden Subdivision

The Applicant, Joseph Langone, presented the Board with a site plan for a 26 lot subdivision off of Chestnut Street, Green Meadow Drive. 1/3 of the 30+ acres will be developed and the other 2/3 will be given back to the Town as open space. Dr. Ficociello made a motion to approve the subdivision, Ms. Sabounjian, second, voted 2-0.

Elias Country Store

The Board members asked for an update on the progress of the code violations at Elias Country Store. The Director met with the owner at the Store and discussed his temporary storage solutions. Nothing has been addressed. He does have plans to build a permanent outdoor refrigeration unit. The plans will need conservation approval and site plan review at Planning Board, which will take some time. However in the meantime he needs to address the current violations by creating a temporary remedy for the overcrowding in his meat cooler. The Board requested the Director to send an order to Elias Country Store instructing that temporary remedy be implemented for adequate cooling within one week of receipt of the order. He will also be requested to appear at the next Board of Health meeting where the Board will discuss and impose deadlines for a permanent remedy. The Board discussed that it is his obligation to implement all measures necessary to correct the violations and requested the Director to make this clear in the Order.

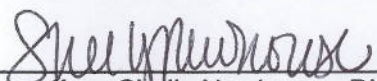
DPH update

The Director presented the Board with a letter from Robert Knorr, Chief Epidemiologist for the Department of Public Health. The letter summarized the latest updates regarding the Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study. In summary, the State needs to re-run cancer risk models based on additional data pursuant to the previous peer review and then the study needs another peer review. This process was again stalled due to funding which has reportedly now been secured but could take significantly more time that is difficult to estimate but likely not by the end of 2016. Dr. Ficociello and Ms. Sabounjian expressed their frustration with DPH and the extraordinary amount of time the study has been in process without any result.

Other Business

Dr. Ficociello informed the Board of a study that he read recently that reported a higher incidence of MRSA among people that lived near Pig Farms. He said he will send it to the Director to forward to the Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health