



BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
May 5, 2015

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 5:30 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Jane Williams, Dr. James Ficociello and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be May 19, 2015 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board approved the April 21, 2014 minutes.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

New Business

18 Concord Street-public hearing application for chickens

The Director presented the Board with an application from Robert Brabant for 10 chickens. The animal inspector gave a favorable recommendation. The abutters at 13 Concord Street were present and submitted a favorable letter as a proponent for backyard chicken farming. Dr. Ficociello made a motion to approve the application, Dr. Williams second, voted 3-0.

28 Marjorie Road-public hearing application for chickens

The Director presented the Board with an application from Mr. Fasulo for 12 chickens. Mr. Fasulo also operates a maple sugaring home business and a honey bee hive. He sells his products at local farmers markets. The Director received 2 letters from abutters with concerns regarding his expanding agricultural operations and she presented photos of the property. Dr. Ficociello asked if he has permission from direct neighbors to tap into the trees. Mr. Fasulo has permission and he also stated that he mainly operates his maple business at a farm in New Hampshire but this winter he did boil sap 1 or 2 times in his driveway. The concerns from some of the neighbors were not necessarily in opposition of the chickens but Mr. Fasulo's expanding operations. Dr. Williams reminded the applicant that having chickens is a privilege in Wilmington and not a right. Permits are renewable every year and complaints will factor in. Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the application, Dr. Ficociello second, voted 3-0.

Other Business

The tobacco regulations in draft form were presented to the Board for review. Discussion was made relative to flavored tobacco products. A public hearing will be held at an upcoming meeting.

The Director presented the Board with an updated plan for the Kinder Morgan pipeline. After several meetings with Town officials and Department heads, Kinder Morgan changed the route of the pipeline away from environmentally sensitive areas. The Director will keep the Board updated as the progress continues. Filings with the federal government aren't expected until the late Fall.

The Director presented the Board with an update on 20 North Street. George Bradley has not complied to date with the Board's order to construct a permanent dwelling. Mr. Bradley's original home had burned down 2 years ago. He received permission to have a temporary trailer onsite while he rebuilds. The Board gave him until May 20, 2015 to at least start the process of rebuilding. He has not complied with the Building Inspector demands as well. The Director will invite Mr. Bradley in to an upcoming meeting.

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Dr. Ficociello brought up discussion relative to the transfer station proposed by New England Transrail at the Olin Site. He is concerned with the amount of truck traffic and rail traffic and what impacts that will have on underground contamination. Chairman Sabounjian explained that the transfer station is exempt from all local and state regulations. This will be a commodities shipping operation with heavy truck traffic all day long. The surface transportation board at the Federal level is responsible for permitting. Olin will still be the responsible party for clean up activities and the EPA has reviewed the proposed activity and will oversee operations relative to the contamination. Wilmington can have a role as a commenter during the permitting process. Town officials and department heads have been meeting with New England Transrail.

Dr. Ficociello motioned to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., Ms. Sabounjian second. Meeting adjourned.

Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health