



BOARD OF HEALTH
October 3, 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, Dr. Jane Williams, Dr. Daniel King and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 19, 2023.

The Board reviewed and approved the September 5, 2023 minutes.

New Business

Public hearing on 3 MyWay Circle, permit for 7 ducks

The Chairman, Elizabeth Sabounjian opened the hearing at 5:40 p.m. Dr. King abstained from the hearing due to conflict. The Director, Shelly Newhouse explained that based on complaints we are here to review the permit and compliance for 3 Myway Circle, 7 ducks. The animal inspector/control officer Chris Sullivan presented the Board with the timeline of complaints as follows:

Permit issued November 2022 to Mr. Zhang for 7 ducks. It was noted that at the time of initial permit, Rose and Steve Emery of 60 Fiorenza Drive submitted comments not in favor of the ducks.

June 7, 2023 complaint from abutters Rose & Steve Emery, 60 Fiorenza Drive, regarding feathers on property, animal control visited the site and met with Mr. Zhang.

September 4, 2023 complaint from abutters Rose & Steve Emery regarding odors, animal control visited the site and spoke with all abutters and residents on MyWay Circle. None have had issues or complaints except for 60 Fiorenza Drive. It was noted that the residents Rose & Steve Emery expressed to the animal control officer that they do not want to see the ducks.

September 6, 2023 animal control met with Rose & Steve Emery and then Mr. Zhang regarding on going complaints of odors.

September 18, 2023 complaint from abutters Rose & Steve Emery regarding odors and request in writing for Board to revisit the permit for non compliance.

All of the above logged complaints were read into the record.

All complaints were investigated by animal control and no odors or feathers were found. Other than the complaints from 60 Fiorenza Drive no other complaints have been logged. A colored aerial map of 3 MyWay Circle and all abutters were shown to the Board. A letter of support from 2 MyWay Circle was read into the record. Mr. Zhang, the permit holder was present. Residents Diane & David Vitale of 4 MyWay Circle were present and gave their support to Mr. Zhang and the keeping of ducks. Mr. Zhang agreed to keep the ducks on the left hand side of his property when he has them outside and roaming his yard with him, otherwise they are in the coop or in the walled off section of his walk in basement door when the weather is bad. He is also going to put up a small fence on the right side of his yard to ensure the ducks stay on that side of the property.

Mr. Zhang also vacuums the feathers up every day, especially in the Spring when the ducks are molting and he will pay special attention to the feathers. Mr. Zhang also has gotten rid of the 5 indian ducks and now only has the 2 pekin ducks. However his permit does allow for 7 ducks if he so choses to get more.

Ms. Sabounjian stated that the Boards charge is to protect the public health of both the resident and animals in the Town. The animal control office stated that every complaint will be investigated and logged. Ms. Williams motioned to take no further action on this matter, Ms. Sabounjian seconded, voted 2-0. Hearing was closed.

Flu update

October 11, 2023 will be the High Dose Flu Clinic at the Senior Center.
October 18, 2023 will be the Covid clinic and Flu clinic at the Wilmington Middle School
October 25th and November 1st will be the Town wide Flu Clinic at the Town Hall.

Department Business

The Consent Decree for Olin was signed by United States District Court and states in summary that the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") has alleged that the defendants are liable to the Commonwealth under section 107 of CERCLA, and the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 21E, §§ 1-22 ("Chapter 21E"), for: (1) reimbursement of costs incurred or to be incurred by the Commonwealth for response actions at the Site, together with accrued interest; and (2) performance by the defendants of response actions at the Site.

The Tri-Ton coalition is sponsoring a Matter of Balance program at the Senior Center. A new tobacco inspector has been hired for the Coalition and is undergoing training right now. A hoarding information series will be conducted at the Public Safety Building by the Tri-Ton community health inspector.

The Administrative Consent Order with Penalty and Notice of Non-Compliance was signed by the parties of record on 887 Woburn Street. This does not affect the Site Assignment or any forthcoming permits on the Site.

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



Recording:
Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health