



BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
August 16, 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 5:40 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Daniel King and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be September 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board reviewed and approved the August 2, 2016 minutes.

Public Hearing – application for chickens, 11 South Street

The Board reviewed the application for up to 4 chickens. The Animal Control Inspector gave a favorable recommendation. No comments from any abutters. Dr. King motioned to approve the permit for up to 4 chickens at 11 South Street, Ms. Sabounjian, seconded, voted 2-0.

Public Hearing – application for chickens, 21 Lake Street

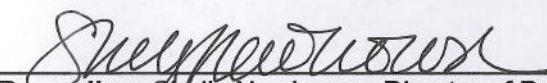
The Board reviewed the application for up to 5 chickens. The Animal Control Inspector gave a favorable recommendation. No comments from any abutters. Dr. King motioned to approve the permit for up to 5 chickens at 21 Lake Street, Ms. Sabounjian, seconded, voted 2-0.

Middlesex Gas/Praxair 255 Andover Street, noise nuisance

The Director invited representatives from Middlesex Gas and Praxair to discuss noise complaints. Middlesex gas receives Praxair's deliveries during the hours of 5 p.m. – 5 a.m. where liquid nitrogen is loaded off one truck and pumped into another. They receive 3 deliveries in the course of the night. Each delivery can take between 10 and 20 minutes. The Board of Health office first received a complaint about noise in late February. Noise meter readings were conducted and none were above the 10db noise limit. In the meantime, Middlesex Gas wanted to be a good neighbor so they adjusted pumping rates to lower the noise. The Board continued to receive noise complaints and another round of noise meter testing was conducted in June. At that time 1 delivery registered above the 10db above background noise limit. Middlesex Gas was notified and they decided to order a sophisticated electric stand-alone pump to be located on a concrete pad that runs at a much lower noise level than the pumps on the trucks. The pump takes about 4-6 weeks from order to install. During this interim, Middlesex Gas moved the trucks and pumping to the front of the building, a couple hundred feet further away from the nearest residential abutter. They also stopped deliveries after 7 p.m. At the beginning of August the Board of Health office received another complaint so the Director invited the parties into this meeting. Mike Bealiua, Manager at Middlesex gas was present and explained that the pump has arrived and is being installed this week with full operations probably by the end of the week. Ms. Sabounjian thanked them for being good neighbors and the Board agreed that no enforcement is necessary. The Board asked the Director to conduct further noise meter readings at a later date after the new electrical pump has been running.

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Ms. Sabounjian informed us that she will be providing comments regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Study. She asked that WERC be approached to make sure they offer comments as well.


Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health