

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017

Present: Claire Ann Scaramella, Julia Lane, Kylie Williams and Scott Moles.

Claire called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Claire Scaramella Julia Lane and seconded by Claire Scaramella to approve the 5/25/2017 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Stericycle	\$140.00
MAHB	\$150.00

70 Lake Shore Drive

Health Agent Scott Moles updated the Board about the situation at 70 Lake Shore Drive regarding the packing crate/sheds and animals' on site following numerous complaints from neighbors. On 5/8/2017, Scott and Animal Control Officer Dona Walsh went to the site and observed many chickens, and two dogs as well as multiple crates. The dogs were unlicensed and were not up to date on their rabies vaccine. Homeowner Rebecca Brodie was told to get her dogs licensed and vaccinated. Scott sent a letter to Rebecca, requesting a Form A application be completed for the crates/sheds.

Other than rabies vaccine confirmation on 5/26/17 via email, there has been no follow up from the homeowner and more complaints have come in. Scott and Dona went to the site again today. There are now 4 goats, 2 pigs, 6 to 8 ducks, 2 rabbits and between 30 and 60 chickens. Scott and Dona collected and took the goats that were roaming on the street and in neighbors' yards. They put the pigs in the locked fenced area. Dona was meeting the State Animal Control representative there later today.

A letter was received today from Attorney Andrew Brodie, representing Rebecca Brodie, giving instructions on the goats care and requesting they be returned.

Neighbor Richard Rossini told the Board that he has called numerous times and the in the last two days the goats have been eating their ornamental shrubs and flower beds. He is also concerned for the animals' welfare, dirty conditions, living in unventilated boxes with increasing temperatures. Bags of open food are left on the ground attracting rodents. The pigs and goats were living in the house for a time. Rich said other neighbors have 5 to 10 chickens and there are no issues or smells with them.

Neighbor Kristin DeWitt questioned the legal response to the Board of Health. Health Agent Scott Moles read the letter which was addressed to him, Animal Control Officer Dona Walsh, Building Inspector Peter Tartakoff and Police Chief Matthew Stone. Scott said he was going to consult legal counsel. He also asked Dona to hold the goats until permits and zoning was resolved. Kristin went on to describe her concerns to the Board, which include odor, encroachment, and stress.

Kylie Williams suggested that the neighbors they should communicate with each other and the Board as they deem necessary.

Health Agent Scott Moles will prepare a response to the homeowner, review it with legal counsel and then the Board.

Lake Winthrop Beach Testing

The first round of beach testing at Lake Winthrop beaches was done on Monday, June 5th. The water was cold, bacteria levels at Pleasure Point were up slightly but both were within safe swimming standards.

Holliston Lions Carnival Fee Waiver Request

Holliston Lion Karen Spaziente sent an email to the Board requesting a fee waiver for the food tent at the carnival scheduled for July 26 through 29.

Motion: Kylie Williams motioned to waive the food permit fee for the Lions Carnival on July 26 to 29, 2017; seconded by Julia Lane. All in favor.

Health Director's Report

Animal Inspector Position: Health Agent Scott Moles is gathering job descriptions for the open Animal Inspector position to be posted in FY'18.

Expired Syringes: All of the expired syringes being held in the closet have been sent to ProCure for their use.

18 Concord Street Housing: Health Agent Scott Moles is working with the owner to get various issues resolved, including leaking windows and ceiling, and report of mice and rats from the barn.

56 North Mill Street Housing: The landlord and the repair person did not make arrangements with the tenant to do the necessary repair work. Health Agent Scott Moles is continuing to work with the landlord to get the situation rectified.

36 Christopher Road Vacancy: The house has been vacant and open since January. A neighbor locked the door and cut the grass. The building is secure. The owner has passed away and one known relative is in Florida and the other has a number that is no longer in use.

Touch-a-Truck event: The Touch-a-Truck event is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. There are 3 food permits currently issued.

36 Norfolk Street: This property has an Eljen system. A new owner has inquired about adding a garage and master bedroom addition with no increase to the 3 bedroom flow. Health Agent Scott Moles has a concern about the proximity of the footing base to the system. The Eljen permit allows for setback variances with no increase in flow. Kylie Williams said she thought it was reasonable to proceed with the project as proposed. Scott said it may require a liner.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Board Member Comment

None

Claire Scaramella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Kylie Williams seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6-22-17