

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
TOWN BUILDING
JUNE 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present by remote roll call were John G. Schuler (JS), M.D., Robert DeFrancesco (RD), D.M.D, Arne Soslow (AS), M. D., Susan Green (SG), Chair and Tom Fay (TF), BOS. Also present were Julia Junghanns (JJ), Director of Public Health, Ruth Mori (RM) Public Health Nurse/School Nurse Leader, Darren MacCaughey (DM) Health Agent/Sanitarian and Patti White Department Assistant. SG: Roll call for attendance: JS –yes, RD – yes, SG – yes, AS – yes.

SG: In compliance with revised Open Meeting Law requirements, we will live stream the meeting on WayCAM, Public Comments will be received by phone at 508-358-6812 for this meeting. The phone number will be active during the public comment portion of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your patience; we intend to address all calls that come in during the public comment period.

5:40 p.m. Animal keeping Application and hearing to keep chickens at 47 Aqueduct Rd., owner Amber Tabone

We have received an application from the Tabone family to keep 12 chickens, we have not heard any objections from any abutters. Notifications of the meeting were sent and confirmations receipts were received. Of the 5 abutting properties, two are the Town of Wayland. Two variances are being requested: The lot is .49 acres, regulations require 1 acre, and one abutting property at 35 Brooks Rd. is 133 feet from house, regulations require 150' from abutting structures. One letter of support was received from the abutters at 35 Brooks Rd., they are in favor of the permit and have no objections. Staff did a site visit and feels the coop is in a good location, lots of trees around and for this property it is in the best possible location. Ms. Tabone wanted the Board to know she is not planning to have any roosters, should one chick be identified as a rooster, the farm will take it back. A plan is in place to handle the waste.

AS: Motion to approve the application for keeping 12 chickens at 47 Aqueduct road and both waivers have been approved contingent on no complaints from the closest abutter. Second RD roll call JS – yes, RD – yes, AS - yes and SG - yes. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

5:50 Animal Keeping Application and hearing to keep chickens at 118 Concord Road Owner Victor Guo

Application to keep 8 chickens, Mr. Guo is requesting two variances: the first is for lot size, the lot is .9 acres (under required 1 acre lot) and the distance of the coop to the abutter (Monique Poirier) at 114 Concord road is 127' (under required 150'). A letter of support from Ms. Poirier was presented to the Board. Letters were sent to all butters and record of receipt received. Mr. Gou will not have any roosters and plans to uses the chicken waste for natural fertilizer for his garden. A site visit was conducted by staff.

AS: Motion to approve the Animal Keeping permit for 118 Concord Road for 8 chickens with two variances contingent on no complaints from closest abutter neighbor. Second SG roll call vote JS yes, RD yes, AS yes and SG yes, 4-0 all in favor.

6:00 p.m. Updates and discussion Coronavirus (COVID19) situation

RM: Our most recent update report is for 106 confirmed cases and 19 probable, the one new confirmed case is part of long term care facility. The patient was asymptomatic, was admitted to hospital for an unrelated condition, tested and confirmed positive. We are working with that facility. I am also reaching out to the other 2 assisted living facilities to touch base. It appears they are all well, but will be checking in to see that they are ensuring preventative measures/protocols and best practices and that there are no additional cases. An update will be provided at our next meeting.

There was a discussion regarding antibody testing, studies, accuracy and results. These types of tests can be unreliable due to the unknowns of how long antibodies last, and what exactly it means if you have antibodies. Studies are still ongoing.

RM: I Will be following up with all facilities this week, and explore future plans. AS: Please be sure that they have enough PPE, they should be prepared and stockpiling to ensure adequate supplies.

Ruth Mori updated the board on schools reopening in the fall. Currently there is very little information available. Once schools are finished for the year, we will be starting to look at what options will be offered for fall schools. It sounds like the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary education will be starting plans for a state wide decision (potential protocols/guidelines)to allow for better uniformity across Massachusetts. There are already discussions with school nurses across the area working to identify nursing issues regarding isolation rooms and other possible issues.

Update and discussion on Phase I and Phase II of Governor Baker's reopening plan

JJ: The next phases of Gov. Baker's reopening plan, Phase 2 step 2 will include indoor table service and services such as massage, nails, personal training, as outlined in most recent order #37. We have reached out to restaurants today to provide the state documents, similar to what we have discussed. The state is encouraging restaurants to operate outside as much as possible, they can provide indoor as of today. State safety standards, are in place regarding staffing, cleaning, with check lists, similar to prior 6' between tables (outdoor rules). There are a number of places that have been working on plans for providing outdoor dining service; 110 grill, The local, Giacomos, Coach Grill and Dudley Chateau. Some of these restaurants are currently set up for outdoor dining but may want to expand. Others did not have prior outdoor dining, but all are working with BOS and Health Dept. staff to be sure it is set up property. We have an intern for part of the summer who will be working to collect the COVID certification documents. AS: Everyone will be wearing masks? JJ: In an outdoor setting, customers will be required to wear masks when not sitting at the table (entering the restaurant, going to the bathroom, exiting) servers and staff will be wearing masks all the time. There was a continued discussion regarding mask wearing at businesses proving takeout. JJ: We created laminated signs a while back as there were no generic mask and social distancing. Our food inspector has been handing them out when she inspects and staff have been distributing them when they inspect responding to complaints. There was continued discussion regarding the requirements for outdoor seating and what may be coming forward for future indoor seating.

SG: Do you have any information yet on summer camps? JJ: We are receiving a lot of documentation on camps and all our staff are working to review and interpret. I was onsite at Camp Chicami today for several hours reviewing their preparations; they are hoping to open on June 29th. They will be required to have a reduced capacity and will need to provide an emergency shelter space areas outdoors and indoors to accommodate groups. Each group will consist of 10 campers and 2 staff, they must stay together and not mix with other groups (cohorts). They are working to create fun activities, but will not have any contact sports and will maintain social distancing. This facility is primarily an outdoor camp; they will have a number of tents to allow for inclement weather coverage and are working on a policy for severe bad weather. There will be no bussing; parents will drive the kids to camp. They are working with Temple Shir Tikva (next door to the camp) they have been a good neighbor and are working on an emergency shelter plan with a plan for pick up and drop off. In the

morning, staff will answer questions about health campers and staff, they have removed temperature taking as this was found to not be feasible with kids outdoors and running around.

JJ: I do not have a written directors report, I have updates regarding pool inspections at the Longfellow pool, outdoor hours, strict schedule to sign up to visit (1 hour at pool) Wayland community pool, did not take down bubble this year the facility will be used for instructional classes, following guidelines for swim teams, we have inspected both facilities. I am not sure about the other pools at various condo facilities throughout town, there are still many questions. We continue to monitor the twice weekly conference calls.

We received a copy of the updated scope of work for the Cascade 40B project from the Engineering Company; it is still under the original applicant; they are now proposing to construct an onsite Wastewater Treatment facility and will be adding additional bedrooms (possible total of 100 bedrooms). Darren and I witnessed State soil testing for the treatment plant. The property has a high groundwater (about 2' below surface) the leaching facility will need to be a raised system.

We received a letter from the Veritas Christian Academy (currently on Loker St.); they have purchased the property at 164 Cochituate Rd and they want to get permission for temporary use to allow more space for their classrooms in the fall when school opens. They are proposing to have 135 students. The property at present has two failed septic systems, we have requested more information on their plans for the property. The property has one single family house across the street and up a hill by the 5 paths intersection.

Ruth held a drive up shingles clinic, for the second shot of the series. The time frame for the second shot was to expire. She had 14 people who attended. It worked well, it was a drive thru clinic, all injections were outside and injecting persons in their car.

JS: when schools reopen and the nurses are back in school, will you be able to keep up? JJ: We will have a need for help, hoping to have help back filled if needed through CARES act if there are any upticks. The WHS nurse Amy Schoff is retiring and we need to hire a new nurse. AS: with the time needed to set up and produce meetings, is the town preparing additional resources for staff? JJ: We have been working closely with the front office, we are keeping them in the loop of our covid situation as it stands now, we have expressed the potential need for additional assistance at schools and possible future help with contact tracing. It depends on how things go but we are in constant communication regarding our existing resources.

We are presently working to schedule time off for staff right now with State Phased plans we are extremely busy, hoping for a breather. With COVID, reopening, camps, pools and septic installs, etc, we are pretty busy. JS: If the state sees spikes, it will be less likely that schools will open on time, if they open at all. JJ: We do have some thoughts on how that will be handled, we would not let Ruth be unsupported. RM: We are always looking at contingency plans, we don't have a full plan, we are looking at if there is a summer spike. That is a time of other communicable diseases, food, mosquito-borne and waterborne diseases. JJ: We are working with the Town Administrator, after this week, our nurses are not contracted to work for the summer. We are working on support hours if a spike comes before the start of school, if school is delayed, they will be reallocated to assist Ruth.

JJ: I have been on several conference calls about mosquito control, particularly about EEE, this runs in a 2 to 3 year cycle, these calls may continue into this summer. Catch basins have been treated with larvicide and helicopter larviciding has also been done. We will start to communicate notices to the community shortly about mosquito safety

Approve minutes of April 24, 2020

RM requests the following be adjusted on the 4/24 minutes regarding the paragraph on page two starting 'on the assisted living'.

“On the assisted living side, 2 positive residents are actually asymptomatic. These individuals do not require assistance in their apartment, if they were to enter, staff would be wearing full PPE to enter their apartment.”

RD: motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2020 with the corrections as noted. Roll call RD – yes, AS – yes, JS – yes, BM – yes, SG - yes vote 5-0 all in favor

Bills

SG: Motion to pay invoices as submitted. roll call vote RD – yes, JS – yes, AS – yes, SG – yes, BM - yes vote 5-0 all in favor.

7pm: Public comment is now open, phone calls received at: 508-358-6812

Next meeting date will be June 29th at 5:30 p.m., we will be starting off with more chicken keeping.

7:05 p.m. There were no calls, public comment is closed.

7:05 p.m. SG: motion to adjourn. roll vote RD – yes, AS – yes, JS – yes, BM - yes, SG - yes. Vote 5-0 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
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