

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
TOWN BUILDING
June, 13 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Gigi Anand MD (GA), via zoom, in person were; Robert DeFrancesco DMD (RD), Arnold Soslow MD (AS), and Robert Eyre MD (RE). Also present were Julia Junghanns (JJ) Director of Public Health.

Hannah Scott-Lawson (HSL), Ketan Galhotra (KG), Ping Jin (PJ), Robert Nislick (RN), and Jenny Lu (JL)

RD: Roll Call: RE - Yes, AS - Yes , GA - Yes, JS - Not Here. RD - Yes.

6:30 p.m. Public Comment

No Public Comment

6:40 p.m. 50 Rice Road, Animal Keeping Permit to keep chickens, Owner Hannah Scott-Lawson (HSL), Ketan Galhotra (KG)

JJ: Residents applied for permit to keep chickens. We had continued from last meeting. KG: We applied for 10 chickens and we are planning to keep only 5. We have a coop in backyard. RD: Did we look at everything last time? JJ: My understanding was that you don't have any waivers from our regulations. HSL: Everyone is at least 100 ft from the coop, and where we're going to be compost waste. JJ: Property over an acre? KG: Yes.

RE: Make a motion to approve the permit for keeping 10 chickens at 50 rice road. AS: Second. RD: GA - Yes, AS -Yes, RE -Yes, RD - yes. Approved 4-0 motion passes.

6:50 p.m. 187 Rice Road, update on Rooster complaint and Animal Keeping permit to keep chickens, Owner Ping Jin (PJ), Jenny Lu (JL), Robert Nislick (RN)

JJ: They did have rooster removed and are moving forward with application to keep chickens. We received paperwork including a letter and copies of certified receipt for letter sent to abutters. Received a letter today from Robert Nislick representing the Delassandros (158 Buckskin Drive). RD: Does Board have any questions? RE: is application complete at this point? JJ: Don't see any waivers from regulations. RE: how many chickens? JJ: 20. The property is 3.2 acres? PJ: Yes. RD: Abutters were all okay? JJ: We haven't heard from the abutters. PJ: The one abutter on 161 buckskin drive next to me is 165 feet from the chicken coop. RN: We are within 250 from chicken coop and within hearing distance. PJ: Based on town regulations, 158 Buckskin is not my abutter. JJ: On this plan you provided, this shows all the abutters you sent letters to? PJ: Yes. JJ: I don't see six of them on here. PJ: 90 Rice Road and 196 Rice Road don't have residential addresses. One lot is maintained by the town, other by the Hamlin family. The post office was not able to deliver those two letters (they were returned to me). JJ: My understanding is that 158 (Buckskin) is not technically an abutter, but there is nothing saying people cannot speak up

regarding a potential nuisance. They are bringing forth a concern regarding this application. JL: Last time they complained about rooster, we made immediate action, killing three. We kept one as a pet. We delivered mail to his home to try to negotiate, to explain rooster is a pet. He rejected this. Per your recommendation we removed the rooster anyway, and at last meeting he complained about the roosters not the hen. But now it seems to be saying you cannot tolerate the hen either. RN: The issue of the notice, we are not abutters, we don't contest the sufficiency of the notice that was not provided. Our primary concern at the time that we made the complaint was the noise due to the rooster. An order was issued April 15th by Director Junghanns to remove the rooster within 48 hours, weeks past, and shortly following the 5/9 meeting of BOH, the Jins complied with the order to remove the rooster. As far as the application to keep chickens, the primary concern has always been about the noise of roosters. I think we would not oppose a reasonable number of hens (probably limited to 6) so long as there is a prohibition against roosters. Clients are very grateful for the involvement of the board and department. PJ: Following the last meeting, I understand that that remaining rooster was still annoying, but the very next morning I removed that rooster and brought it to a friend in westford. Now I am going through all the proper steps for application. AS: All the roosters are gone? PJ: yes. AS: Ask for how many hens? JL: We asked for 20. AS: I move that we affirm the application for hens at this property (of the 20). RE: second. RN: We would specifically like a prohibition against roosters.

AS: The application is approved for 20 hens and zero roosters on the property of 187 Rice Road.

RE: Second. RD; GA- Yes, AS -yes, RE- Yes, RD - Yes. Approved 4-0 motion passes.

7:00 p.m. 60 Shaw Drive, Mendler Woods Eco-Development LLC 0 Preliminary Subdivision draft comments

JJ: Primary concern is that although we have done soil testing, we haven't done testing in the areas where the proposed lots are (septic locations). We have done testing (and witnessed) on lot that shows where the existing house is located. In that area of lot 2, but not in other areas. Our records show soil testing and percolation testing on Feb 17, 2016 and November 4, 2020 however there is no soil testing or percolation test information shown on the plan. The plans must be updated to show locations of test holes as well as logs of their results. We would need to witness testing also on other lots for their primary and reserve area. If they have areas for proposed stormwater drainage they would want to do testing there as well. AS: Right of way 30 feet wide, what does that mean? I'm assuming people can come up and walk that way from or to Shaw Drive? JJ: I can reach out to find out what that means. AS: There is no trail now. Right of way is fine, but I just don't know what it is. JJ: They have a temporary system that was allowed by the BoH a few years ago, with two tanks acting as tight tanks.

Continued discussion of plans regarding definition of Right of Way on the plans. The existing septic system. And other committees which are to be involved.

RE: Wasn't sure if there was a limit on acreage of the lot that could be taken up by the house. JJ: Think that would be handled by Planning Board or Zoning Board. RD: We just need the soil testing then? JJ: If we look at the last page which shows they are planning on having a leach field, they would need to have a

test in each of those areas. JJ: I will type up memo with some of the notes I have, with questions about the 30 ft right of way, to the Planning Board for their hearing (as well as the developer).

7:10 p.m. Correspondence, 484-490 Boston Post Rd Alta at River's Edge re: RTN 3-36013

JJ: There is a public information meeting on June 16th at 7PM where they'll be talking about current information on tracking numbers associated with that project and updates on any cleanup efforts and probably comments that may have been provided by Vertex to DEP. RE: Looks from the correspondence that they feel they have satisfied asbestos cleanup and other things related to the shooting range that was located there. There is discussion on town connection to MWRA. I think due to changes that may have reduced the cost of connecting.

JJ: I can give an update on PFAS from information posted on the town website. They had some setbacks. AS: Ion exchange not working? JJ: No they actually believe they'll be probably reporting a positive effect from the filtration system. There were problems with pipe pressures. Had to change over pipes and reset but I am hearing it is working well. AS: The High School wastewater treatment facility is still basically a collection site, not a treatment center? JJ: it is sort of a tight tank right now. My understanding is that there have been cost evaluations and plans to repair/redo that system. I don't know when that will be happening but that was correct they are using it as a tight tank and pumping it out.

7:35 p.m. Covid 19 Update

JJ: We had seen a little bit of a surge/spike in mid-May. Our report reflects that, as well as things starting to come down. We are seeing 40 cases now, previously, 79, 80, now back to 40, 26, and 23 last week. We are continuing to go down. Those are just the PCR tests. Also looking at the school dashboard, those cases have started to go down as well, similar to the PCR. AS: There is an observation that many Infectious Disease experts have observed, where seasonal diseases might not be following their usual patterns. It is puzzling that we are seeing flu out of season.

7:40 p.m. Update on department activity and grant staff activity, Tobacco fines, housing violations, pool and beach inspections

JJ: Had a couple tobacco violations, one was Wayland Wine and Spirits, other was Gulf Station, both are paid. We also had Post Road Liquors selling CBD products we had them pull off the shelves. We have had some housing complaints, at 373 Commonwealth Ave, 64 School Street, and 224 West Plain Street. Going to court on 224 West Plain regarding housing violations which have not been corrected. Dispute on who owns the house so people are hesitating on doing what they are supposed to. Consulted Town Counsel and we are moving forward with court. We also have hired a new public health nurse for the regional collaborative through the covid case management and contact tracing grant. We have been working on getting her access for disease surveillance system (MAVEN) that state uses so we can get her trained on that. AS: Name? JJ: Katherine Mayer. We also have our regional epidemiologist who has been working on a few projects. We have been working with her to discuss different ideas that she can work on. She has been working on a mask efficacy study for our region, not completed. Also looking into other

ideas for long-term covid, and looking at project ideas that would help our insight into communicable different diseases in the region. Also working on communication pieces for monkeypox that would be helpful for our website. We meet weekly and discuss different things people have been working on and are making progress on getting things up and running. Have been inspecting semi-and public pools, getting started with camps, testing beach and dudley pond weekly. There was a communication regarding fluoride that you all may have seen from Don Milette in Water Department. Haven't heard recent updates but will follow up.

AS: Any update on the medical marijuana site and plans? JJ: Have not heard updates since our last meeting. RE: There have been updates on Wayland ENews and Patch where it looks like it is moving forward very quickly.

7:45 p.m. General Business, Bills

JJ: We have three signatures on bills but would GA like to comment? GA: Bills are okay, no comments.

RD: Motion to Adjourn. AS: Second. RE - Yes, AS -Yes, GA- Yes, RD - Yes. Approved 4-0 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
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