

Board of Health Minutes
September 19, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Town Building- 41 Cochituate Rd.

(Hybrid meeting; in person and via zoom) One may watch or may participate remotely with the meeting link that can be found at <https://www.wayland.ma.us/public-body-meeting-information-virtual-inperson-and-hybrid> Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This meeting may be recorded which will be made available to the public on WayCAM as soon after the meeting as is practicable.

Present: John G. Schuler, M.D. (JS); Robert DeFrancesco, D.M.D (RD); Genevieve Anand, MD, MPH (GA); Arne Soslow, M.D. (AS), Robert Eyre, M. D. (RE) Also Present: Julia Junghanns, (JJ) Director of Public Health

Call to Order: R. DeFrancesco called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Roll Call: R. DeFrancesco – YES, J. Schuler – YES, G. Anand– YES R. Eyre -YES A. Soslow – YES

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

6:35 P.M. Animal Keeping Permit application for chickens, turkeys and emus, 202 Boston Post Road, Owner John Minasidis (JM)

Mr. Minasidis is applying to keep 30 chickens, 5 Turkeys and at some point in the future 2 Emus. Ms. Junghanns went to the property to inspect the location for the Chicken, turkey, emu coop and the fenced run area. The Board had questions regarding the proposed future addition of Emus, they wondered what type of area and if specific housing would be required. JM currently has 11 chickens and the area viewed by the Director was sufficient for them, it is unknown if that space will be ok for housing 30 chickens, 5 Turkeys and the 2 Emus. JJ will reach out to the Animal Inspector, Jennifer Condon to inquire about the Emus in general and the size of the coop and run areas to properly house all these animals. To avoid delay in the approval of this permit, JM is removing the request for the 2 Emus and will just proceed with the Chickens and Turkeys for now. Staff often suggest that applicants request numbers above what they may start with, to avoid having to come back, reapply and go before the board to request additional animals, that is why JM has requested more than the current 11 chickens and the future Emus. JJ advised the Board that the current regulations do not speak to the size of the coop or run, just that the property be at least 1 acre in size and the coop be greater than 150' from neighboring residences. JM said you can just "google" size of coop and run appropriate for 40 chickens and that is the size he has proposed and used. JM has provided a 20X10 run with a tarp cover at the entrance with an auto-timed door for sunrise to sunset. The run is protected by an electric fence with a solar battery.

AS: Motion to approve the application for Animal Keeping Application for 30 chickens, No Roosters and 5 turkeys at 202 Boston Post Road. Certified mail cards from abutters to be forwarded to Health Department. Second RE, vote: JS- Yes, GA- Yes, AS-Yes, RD-yes and RE-yes.

7:00 p.m. Animal keeping (AK) Permit Regulations review- review existing and updated version - discussion

RE has been reviewing the wording in the current AK regulations and has drafted some changes in language for clarification, he has also started a draft abutter letter.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes in the regulations and the big change would be that any new applications, not needing variances would be approved at the staff/office level. Any complaints from abutters would be brought before the board for discussion. The Board also discussed banning Roosters, as this is the most common complaint that the staff receive (noise). The regulations currently require applicants to provide a site plan, showing the location of the coop, run and the measurement of distance to abutters, this plan can be costly and take time to be prepared. Staff believes that the applicants could use The Wayland GIS program with the drawing tool to confirm the distance.

There was discussion regarding what applications would go before the Board and it was discussed that larger projects such as horse barns would be brought before the Board for approval, and other projects if deemed necessary by staff. There was discussion regarding the certified mail notifications to abutters and the time frame allowed to reply or comment. RE will continue to edit and return updates to the Board at the next meeting.

7:25 p.m. Draft Annual report review and comment

The Board reviewed the draft copy of the Annual Report, JJ advised we did not yet have an update from Human Resources Services (HRS) as the director had retired and the Interim Director would be working on the report and forward to JJ.

7:35 p.m. Updates of department activity and project, housing violations, mosquito activity, 356 Boston Post Road connection to town sewer.

JJ informed the Board that staff are working on 2 housing complaints one on West Plain Street, one on School St. Town Counsel has been assisting to help resolve these situations.

Mosquito update- we are coming to the end of Mosquito season and we have not had any real problems with our risk level going up for West Nile virus and EEE, our risk level remains Remote or Low Risk.

356 Boston Post Road, Town Counsel is assisting us with getting them connected to the Town Sewer system (failed septic system), the property has a very low flow.

7:45 p.m. Update/report from Public Health Nurse Michele Fronk Schuckel MBA, BSN, RN (MS)

JJ has been working closely with Michele Schuckel as she transitions into the Public Health Nursing role, she apologies that she could not attend the meeting. Julia and Michelle have spent a good amount of time discussing Flu clinics, there is a Senior drive through clinic scheduled for September 28th at the Wayland Village Plaza and a second drive through clinic that will be open to all residents/visitors on

October 12th. On October 14, we will be holding a flu/Covid booster clinic at the Town hall from 4-7pm. MS has been working closely with the School Nurses now that schools are back in session. MS Schuckel has applied to the State to receive surplus masks and Covid testing kits, she is preparing public fliers and updates on the web site regarding distributing them to the public. We will not be providing Covid vaccine through the drive-thru clinics as you need to have a 15 minute waiting time frame, and we feel it is better controlled if it is done indoors where we will have monitors watching the waiting area. We are currently working on obtaining the Covid Vaccine and will advise about future clinics. The clinics alone requires a certain amount of space and having to add the waiting area requires us to plan carefully. As we approach October, the weather gets colder/unsettled and it can be difficult to run an outdoor clinic.

MS has been working on delivering test kits and masks to COA offices, Public Safety Building, Town Building and working on educating the public to look for information on the website which is in the process of being updated. She is introducing herself to the school staff, preschools and the Wayland Public School administration. The schools are currently working under the DESE and DPH guidance for COVID cases, contact tracing is no longer required. At present these are the numbers of cases per school that include students and staff:

47 in isolation at the elementary school level, 5 at the middle school and 6 at the High school.

All the Community Health Nurses are working to create ways to handle the cases.

The Fire Chief set up a meeting with staff from the Town wide Assisted Living facilities, there is a memorandum of agreement with the town and the assisted living facilities regarding emergency preparedness. Julia checked to be sure everyone had supplies needed, they reported that they would be reaching out to CVS/pharmacies to go onsite to provide vaccinations to staff and residents.

7:55 Covid update.

These numbers are just for PCR testing, home rapid test are not included.

August 18-24 -- 19 cases August 25-31 -- 9 cases and September 1-7 -- 5 cases

Dr. A Soslow has left the meeting

Approval of minutes of October 4, 2021

**RE: motion to approve minutes of October 4, 2021, second RD, roll call vote GA-Y, JS-Y, RE-Y, RD-Y
all in favor**

7:59 RD: Motion to adjourn all in favor

Respectfully submitted

Patti White

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