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Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2022 – Board of Health – Hybrid Meeting – McAuliffe Meeting Room (Town House - 17 Common Street) & Virtual – 9:30 AM

Present:

Board Members Chelsea Malinowski, Nancy Sacco, Dr. Safdar Medina; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Administrative Assistant, Barbara Spirri

Also in Attendance: Resident, Deb DeMuria; Resident, Brad West; Representing Ken's Warehouse, Bill Pizzoni; Sound Engineer, David Coate; Sound Engineer, Marc Wallace

Opening:

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 9:36 AM by Ms. Malinowski.

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: Ms. DeMuria:

1. Southborough does not yet have an approved plan for the pesticide spraying from the Department of Agriculture. Some towns have banned pesticides such as Round Up.
2. Residents had to accept the sound study completed by Ken's in 2020. She urged the Board to not let Ken's introduce any new data

Topic: Ken's Warehouse – Sound Report

Discussion: Mr. Pezzoni began by stating Ken's has been trying to work with Ms. DeMuria and the resident of 24 Flagg Road since 2020. He thought the problem had been addressed and resolved. He wished people had contacted him.

Mr. Coate provided a review of his report. Three tests were conducted in March of 2022 in the area between the west parking lot and Flagg Road. Test 1: no trucks; Test 2: 8 refrigerated trucks (no other trucks); and Test 3: Moving trucks but no refrigerated trucks. Measurable sounds were heard during Test 2. He is suggesting a sound barrier be built (like the one on the north side) as close as possible to the source of the noise. The wall would be 20 feet long and 375 feet tall. The moving trucks are barely audible, and the refrigerated trucks need to continually run to maintain a consistent temperature while waiting to load cargo. Mr. West asked a question about constructive interference between multiple refrigeration units idling on their property. Mr. Coate said it when multiple refrigerated trucks were idling constructive interference was measured (pulsing sound) and it will be considered when designing the sound barrier. Mr. Coate and Mr. Wallace agreed it would be best to share information and results from both studies.



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Topic: Covid Report

Discussion: Ms. West reported the number of cases is slowly coming down. Data from waste water has also decreased. Boosters for children ages 5-11 years has been approved. Most of the reported cases are from doctor offices and PCR testing. Home tests are not being reported. She told the Board CDC community data will only be reported on Fridays.

Topic: Master Plan Comments for the Board of Health

Discussion: Dr. Alker said the reports for the Master Plan are due today and asked the Board if they saw any changes that needed to be made. Dr. Medina asked that information about home equity be added. Ms. Malinowski asked Dr. Alker to expand on food, housing, and tobacco inspections. She also asked her expand on how the FDA grant is helping the department to be proactive in education. Ms. Sacco did not have any additions.

Topic: Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – Hybrid – 9:30 am

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – Virtual or Hybrid – 9:00 am

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – Virtual – 9:30 am

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: No comments were brought before the Board.

At 11:29 am, Ms. Malinowski moved for the Board to enter Executive Session per Mass General Law (Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(21)) – to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for a contract for the Sanitary Inspector and not return to Open Session. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Sacco – aye, Medina – aye, Malinowski -aye.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Administrative Assistant and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.

Documents:

Ken's Sound Report

Draft of the Board of Health's Section for the Master Plan