



**Town of Southborough
Board of Health
9 Cordaville Road, Lower Level
Southborough, MA 01772-1662**

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Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 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 Spiri

Also in Attendance: Representing Ken’s, Bill Pezzoni; Sound Engineer, David Coate; Sound Engineer, Marc Wallace; Resident, Tim Litt; Resident, Deb DeMuria; Resident, Brad West; Owner of Fitzgerald’s Market, Vinnie Patel

Opening:

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 9:30 AM by Ms. Malinowski.

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: No public comments were brought before the Board.

Topic: Approval of Minutes

Action: Ms. Malinowski moved to approve the minutes from the June 7th meeting (submitted by Ms. Spiri and edited by Ms. Malinowski). Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Topic: Ken’s Warehouse – Noise Issue Update

Discussion: Mr. Coate and Mr. Wallace gave an update of their discussion. The final testing has not been done yet but the sound engineers know what it will include. Receivers will be placed at 48, 58, 68 Flagg Road and 7 Eastbrook Farm Lane. Testing will be done in different directions for more detail that will help with modeling. The test will take into account the noise between the loading dock and the noise barrier. It will also include a maximum amount of refrigerated trucks and do measurements 550 feet to the west of the parking lot. The model will be refined and tests will be conducted after construction. The barrier will be built with long lasting sound absorbing material. Ms. DeMuria stated the ambient noise from traffic is still high after 8:00 pm. Mr. Wallace said the testing will be monitored during one day and one evening. Mr. West asked if there were any plans to optimize the effects of the wall and keeping the refrigerated trucks closer to the building. The answer was yes, the refrigerated trucks are one the side of the wall closest to Route 9.



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Topic: FY22 Budget

Discussion: Ms. Malinowski told the Board there is money left in the Contracted Services line item. The Town Accountant is still completing work for FEMA.

Topic: Extension of Bill Murphy's Contract

Action: Ms. Malinowski moved to approve the contract for Bill Murphy as an alternate inspector. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Topic: Fitzgerald's Market

Discussion: Mr. Murphy and Dr. Alker inspected the establishment on June 20th. Dr. Alker said improvements were seen. However, there were still issues that need to be addressed. The dumpster needs to be kept closed, repair a large gap at the bottom of a door, check expiration dates, etc. Ms. Malinowski spoke with the pest control agent and to help control the rodents: bi-monthly inspections, repair holes in the foundation, doors left open (put screens on the doors), cut long weeds and grass. Tiles need to be replaced.

Action: Ms. Malinowski moved to have bi-monthly rodent inspections, Complete repairs (flashing under the door, screens on doors, cut weeds from around the foundation, etc.), and remove expired foods. A report will be discussed at the July 12th meeting. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. All in favor.

Topic: Plans for Intern

Discussion: Dr. Alker told the Board she plans to have the intern work on noise regulations, air sensors, and preparing for the Wellness Fair in the fall.

Ms. West said the IT department will be working with the website company about adding a complaint page to the website. Ms. DeMuria asked if the Board was going to create a noise policy or by-law. Ms. Malinowski told her a by-law is not needed. She stated the intern could work on a draft of the policy.

Topic: Nurse Report - Covid

Discussion: Ms. Malinowski that Ms. West received a scholarship to participate in a training program.

Ms. West said the case count is slowly going down. Vaccinations for children under the age of five has been approved. Doctors will be able to administer the vaccine. The Greater Boroughs may hold a clinic.



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Topic: Tobacco Regulations

Discussion: Dr. Alker informed the Board the draft has been reviewed by Town Counsel. Flavored items need to be specified. Board members are against flavored items. A possible date for a public hearing is Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.

Topic: Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – Virtual – 9:30 am
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – In Person – 9:30 am

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: Mr. Litt mentioned the noise studies were not posted on the website, to include a user guide for the noise policy/regulations, and to start considering if the Board needs anything to be included/discussed at the Fall Town Meeting.

Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Documents:

Additional Testing & Analysis