

Town of Natick

Board of Health

July 17, 2023 via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karla H. Sangrey, PE, Chair; Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Vice Chair; Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Also Present: Michael K. Boudreau, MPA, RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Absent: none

Call to Order: Chair Sangrey noted a quorum was present and called the meeting to order via roll call, Dr. Delli Colli, Mr. Breda and Ms. Sangrey all present remotely

Citizens' Concerns: none presented

Discussion and Decision: Request for Variance from Natick Board of Health Regulation Chapter 5 to reduce setback of a septic system leach field from the property line at 164 Cottage Street.

Mr. Boudreau reminded the Board that due to a lack of a comprehensive plan, they voted to table a decision on this variance request at their June 5, 2023 meeting. A revised plan was received and reviewed

A discussion regarding the revisions made, the variance requested and the regulatory requirements.

Mr. Breda made a motion to grant the requested variance to reduce the setback of the leach field as shown on the revised plan submitted.

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Request for a Variance from Natick Board of Health Regulation Chapter 6 to keep a rooster on the premises at 12 Brook Street.

Also present: James Cosimini

Mr. Boudreau provided the background of this request. As a result of a complaint of a rooster on this property, an inspection was conducted. The inspection revealed a rooster was present which is a violation of Chapter 6 of the Natick Board of Health regulations. On June 29, 2023 an order letter to remove the rooster from the property as soon as possible but no more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the letter was sent.

After receiving the order letter, Mr. Cosimini asked to appear before the Board to request a variance.

Mr. Cosimini said his rooster's name is The Beeb. He explained to the Board the reasons for his request. He described the protection, care and sheltering of the rooster as well as how he and the rooster have come together and what he and the rooster mean to each other. He said the rooster is free range however, does not leave the property that is owned by Mr. Cosimini's Grandmother. He believes the noise of the rooster is not louder than a motorcycle driving by. He said he plans to apply for a Livestock permit because he also has chickens on the property.

There was a discussion about the current situation and possible future plans.

Mr. Breda said the Board needs a good reason to grant a variance and does not have one at this time.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to table the decision for this variance request.

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Health Department Update(s):

Mr. Boudreau attended the annual conference of National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). He represented Natick's Sustainability Director, Jillian Wilson-Martin for a local public health perspective and provided a presentation at the conference.

Board Member Update(s):

Ms. Sangrey inquired about future well water regulations,

Mr. Boudreau gave a brief overview of heat pumps and geothermal wells.

Next Meeting(s): The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Adjourn: Mr. Breda made a motion to adjourn

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Respectfully submitted,



Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Clerk

Documents at this meeting:
livestock documentation 12 Brook St.
septic documentation 164 Cottage St.