

BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

July 24, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Philip Nedelman, Chairman
Paula Dowd, R.N., Vice-Chairman
Dr. Arthur Bregoli, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Nedelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

Motion By: Dr. Bregoli to approve the meeting minutes of June 19, 2014.
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Request for Variance for Keeping of Animals (chickens) permit-23 Vine Street

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that Mr. and Mrs. Manganello are requesting for the keeping of chickens on their property located at 23 Vine Street. She reviewed the proposed location of the chicken coop, as relates to the dwelling on the property and property lines. She advised that the direct abutters have been notified of the intent to keep chickens. She also advised that the application requests 3 to 4 chickens, and the letter that was sent to abutters indicates 4 to 6 chickens. However, the regulation allows up to 12 chickens. No roosters though, unless the Board of Health grants a variance for a rooster.

Ms. McGrath advised that Ms. Carey, department inspector has conducted a site visit.

Ms. McGrath recommends approval of the variance request.

Motion By: Dr. Bregoli to approve the variance request.
Second By: Mrs. Dowd

INFORMATIONAL:

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that she is preparing the draft amended Environmental Tobacco Smoke regulations that will incorporate nicotine delivery products. She

advised that she will place the draft regulation on the August 2014 meeting agenda for review and discussion.

Dr. Nedelman advised that he would like to see nicotine delivery products included in the draft regulation where ever smoking is prohibited now in businesses and the like. He would also like to see it addressed in nursing/assisted living homes.

Ms. McGrath advised that as per the state smoke-free workplace regulation, smoking is prohibited inside nursing homes and the like, unless the facility has a designated and approved smoking room for residents. The smoking room must be approved by the department, and the permit for the smoking room must be renewed annually.

Ms. McGrath advised that Royal Rehabilitation and Nursing Home was the only facility locally that received approval for a smoking room, but has not renewed the permit for the room for a number of years. However, facilities are allowed to let residents smoke outside, if the facility allows it.

Ms. McGrath advised that she will incorporate that into the regulation.

Motion By: Dr. Bregoli to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.
Second By: Dr. Nedelman