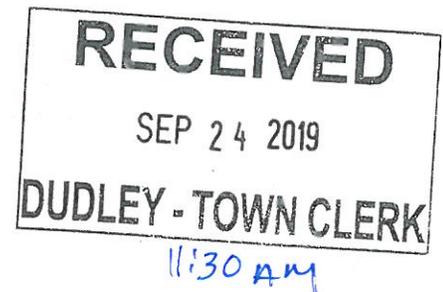


Town of Dudley
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
August 20, 2019, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex – Room 321A
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA



Some matters may have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

Call to Order

Chairman Jennifer Cournoyer called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Board Members in attendance were Roberta Johnson and Lorri Ducharme. Also in attendance was Town Council, Jeffery Blake.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Accept Minutes of July 16, 2019 meeting... **Roberta Johnson made a Motion to accept Minutes and Lorri Ducharme seconded, Minutes accepted unanimously.**

2. Tobacco Training at the Sturbridge Host Hotel will be held on September 23, 2019. Jennifer Cournoyer, Tom Purcell, and ted Zajkowski will attend

3. PUBLIC HEARING to discuss Animal regulations: **opened at 6:36pm by Jennifer Cournoyer**

***Some Changes had been made to the posted Draft at the recommendation of town council.**

Section D. Setbacks to meet zoning.

Section 7- Fees- free for the first year to evaluate volume and needs of the Board. There is a state mandated Fee to the Animal Inspector. Currently barn inspections are at No charge

Section 2- Removed ½ acre and used the language "up to one acre"

Michelle LeFleche of Mill Road- Discussed her Specific Property and its status to Farm
"grandfathered?" non-conforming use

Debra Easterbrook of Dresser Hill Road #2- Concerned with "over regulation" and disagrees with the Limitations of animals proposed by the regulations.

Charlene Marlborough of Circle Drive- Agrees with responsible regulation. She is concerned about losing her animals with the limits proposed. She considers them to be pets.

When did the 50' set back go into the zoning?

"Zone 10"? * Agricultural zoning is over 5 acres Only.

Jeff Blake, KP Law- Tools to Regulate by striking a balance. This hearing is to discuss the concerns and take them under advisement to create Regulations to approve at a later date.

Tiffany Breau of Filo Road- Would like to see the number of chickens/animals increase because they have to be bought in lots of 6.

Scott Meade of Southbridge Road- Read a prepared statement that stated case law. He does not agree that zoning should be in the regulation. He does not agree with a Fee for Inspection

Council Response from Jeff Blake- Zoning bylaw is mirrored in the proposed regulation to keep harmony with Zoning.

Cheryl Lieteau of W Dudley Road- She would like the number of allowed animals increase and a distinction in numbers be placed between fowl and other animals. Number of chickens should be higher because of production value.

TJ Breau of Filo Road- Brought the prospective of Pest Control misconceptions and value of chickens.

Sandy Lieteau of W Dudley Road- Benefits of Roosters, Consider breed types vs. number limitations. Adding Roosters to the 3-5 acre farms
Discussion of a variance that renews yearly and the expense there of.

Ted Zajkowski of Sunset Drive- Idea that a variance renewal should be at the discretion of the Animal Inspector at the time of Inspection.

Ken Korch of W Dudley Road- "Cracking eggs with a sledgehammer" "Deal with complaints as they come" Would like to see an increase of the number of "birds" added to the proposed regulations.

Victor Kallgren of Airport Road- Would like BOH to consult with the Agricultural Commission
Discussion on "The Right to Farm" and strictness of regulations that could lead to large numbers of Variances. People can operate a reasonable sized farm of less than 5 acres. In support of Roosters on smaller lots. Dudley farm days in October on the town common with the ability to sell live chickens.

Michele LeFleshe of Mill Road- Supports the raising of Roosters

Tom Bugbee of Dudley Suthbridge Road- Gentleman farmer who would like to preserve the "right to Farm" stated that BOH should handle complaints on a case by case bases without regulations.

Mary Sansoucy of Ramshorn Road- Add a more distinctive Animal List. Request for further Hearings before adopting the regulations.

Marsha Wagner of Hickory Drive- Animal inspector fee vs. town council fee

Anna Durgin of Eagle Drive- Wants to know all of the zoological diseases that concern the BOH.

Scott Mead- Setback Variance concerns

Jose Rivera of Mill road- spoke his concerns

Discussion Ended and a Motion was made to close the Public hearing at 8:25pm Roberta Johnson motioned and Lorri Ducharme seconded.

The Public hearing in its entirety can be viewed at Dudleyma.gov in the Video Center under Board of Health

4. Clerks Report- Clerk ted Zajkowski updated the Board on the months activities
5. Health Inspector Report- Tom Purcell was absent for the meeting

Roberta Johnson made a motion to end the BOH meeting and Lorri Ducharme seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:29