

Minutes from the Board of Health hearing held at 5:00 pm Tuesday December 22nd, 2022

Present: Charlene Farris (CF), Donald Makowski (DM), Daniel Thibodeau (DT), Brianna Dunn (BD)

Attendees: William Shocair (WS), Lisa Digris (LD), Bill Digris, Gary Plante (GP), Nancy Novak (NV), Amanda Decelle (AD), Jone Rose (JR), Michelle Bigos (MB), Carl Bigos (CB), Phil Milgrom (PM), John Easley (JE)

5:07 pm: DM opens the meeting and welcomes those who have joined

49 Carl St. Rooster Hearing:

DM asks AD to take the floor, as she is the owner of the roosters. AD works 3rd shift; she is home all day, and the roosters don't bother her. This is their first home, she had got 6 chickens, and 2 turned out to be roosters. AD enjoys them with her family, she doesn't have an issue with them.

DM then asks BS for his input. BS is concerned because the roosters are loud, they disturb the use of his property. He has spoken to the owners about keeping the roosters quiet, he suggested collars. He has sent photos of his decibel reader to the Board of Health, and a letter from a caregiver discussing that it triggers PTSD.

GP lets the board know that the last 2 years have been rough, there have been 2 roosters living alone at 49 Carl St., until recently and are now with 5 hens.

LD lives at 24 Ramsdell St. and her house is behind the chicken coop the roosters are kept in. It is about 10 feet from her property line. She has never had an issue with them, or the noise. There are several people in the immediate neighborhood with chickens/roosters.

MB is a resident of Maple St. There are at least 5 other houses that have roosters that crow every morning. Roosters became a part of her day to day, and they become pets you can't just kill them or give them away.

BS notes that he believes there are several rooster advocates at the hearing, and some people that are not that are not present.

DM lets the audience know that everything is being taken into consideration.

NV has lived in the neighborhood, but the sound amplifies and carries. She has PTSD and sharp noises trigger it, such as the roosters. She is concerned that the roosters are crowing because they are stressed, roosters need a flock.

AD notes that other people have roosters and when those roosters go off hers go off. She wanted to know why her roosters are the only ones in question.

BS notes that her roosters are loud, the frequency is disturbing, and the call of the noise. It is an unpleasant cry.

DT says the Board of Health has been out to investigate the complaint. His most recent findings are that there are none. He picked up rooster noises from Reed St., he was at 49 Carl St. for 3-4 hours doing a reading and the loudest noise picked up was a motorcycle. One time he picked up roosters at the fence line and they were crowing but they didn't break the ambient noise level. He has been going up there periodically and hasn't picked up a noise that broke ambient noise level.

BS asks to put his readings into evidence, but DT notes concerns about calibration.

DM makes a motion to dismiss the complaint, DT seconds, AIF.

PN says he is glad the meeting happened for communication. The rooster noise bothers him too it doesn't make the same screech the other roosters make. He hopes there can be resolution, roosters shouldn't be allowed to live in the village.

New Business:

Little Rest Rd-

Mr. Easley joins the meeting because his neighbors' dogs are defecating near his well and he is concerned about his well water.

The board tells him to post his property and direct him to the Board of Selectmen and Warren Bylaw 12.

Old Business:

37 Liberty St.

DT says the owner slacked a little but has began straightening out the situation again.

654 Old Douglas Rd.

BD updates the board. The occupants have left the house, but owner hasn't been able to get building permit. The board agrees to extend the order to the end of January 2023.

BD is to add clause about CO2 detector to the 11/28/2022 hearing minutes.

DM motions to accept job descriptions for Administrative Assis

8:55 pm: CF makes a motion to adjourn, DT seconds, AIF.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren Board of Health