

**Board Members**

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**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Monday, May 1st, 2023

**Location of Meeting:** Medway Public Library, 26 High Street

**Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance:** Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☐ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

**Visitors Present:** Sandro Ferreira – 95 Oakland St.  
 Queila Nascimento – 95 Oakland St.  
 Larissa Nascimento – 95 Oakland St.  
 Stephanie Simeon – Town Employee  
 Jordan Warnick 3 Pine Ridge Drive  
 Alison Dempsey – Agricultural Committee

**Town Employees Present:** Derek Kwok, Justin Tucker

**Call to Order:** 5:30pm

**Minutes Review:** April 3rd: Approved with revisions

**Agenda Item 1:**  
 95 Oakland Street  
 (Farm Animal Permit.  
 6 Chickens)

The residents of 95 Oakland St. were present at the meeting. A neighbor of 95 Oakland St had filed a complaint that the residents of 95 Oakland St. had a rooster. Mr. Kwok went to the residence to investigate and found a number of violations. The residents did not have a keeping animals permit, they did have a rooster, the coop was less than 15 feet from the side property line, and they had more than 6 chickens on .45 acres. Mr. Kwok spoke with Ms. Nascimento who was great at getting everything corrected including removing the rooster, moving the coop to be in line with regulations, applying for the permit and reducing the flock to 6 chickens. An abutter who had made it known they did not want 95 Oakland to have chickens for various reasons was invited to the meeting but was not present. The abutter also mentioned that there was a home daycare on the property. Mr. Kwok reached out to Jessica from Early Education and Care about regulations against a daycare also owning chickens. Ms. Jessica advised that the children in the daycare need to be separated from the chickens. Ms. Nascimento has a separate fenced in area for the children that keeps them away from the chickens. Ms. Nascimento reassured that the chickens are not allowed in the area where the children play. The coop is roughly 25 feet from the children's area.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to grant the permit, seconded by Ms. Harris, and approved by all.*

**Agenda Item 2:**  
 5 Cedar Farms Road  
 (Title V System  
 Repair)

Mr. Kwok informed the Board that the residents are adding a bedroom to the house. They submitted a plan, which was reviewed and looks good.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to approve the Title V plan, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.*

**Agenda Item 3:**  
 124 Fisher Street  
 (Title V System  
 Upgrade – House  
 Expansion)

Mr. Kwok informed the Board that this property was adding a bedroom. Mr. Kwok recommended the item be tabled as they need to do additional testing.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to table the item until the next Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by all.*

**Agenda Item 4:**  
13 Hill Street  
(Title V System Repair  
- Local Upgrade  
Approval/Well  
Variance Request)

Mr. Kwok reviewed the plan. They are requesting two local upgrade approvals: one is using a sieve analysis instead of a percolation test because the percolation test could not be done due to groundwater in the test hole. The second is a reduction from the 12-foot separation from estimated high ground water and the Ts in the tank. They are also requesting another well variance. Medway well regulations call for the well to be 125 feet from the soil absorption area, where as Title V says 100 feet. The system is extremely limited on where it can be installed, so they are asking for a variance for 100 feet of separation from their own well instead of the 125 feet. The potential buyer of the property is aware of the variance request and is ok with the distance of separation.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to approve with the variance, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all.*

**Agenda Item 5:**  
34 Fisher Street  
(Title V System Repair  
- Local Upgrade  
Approval)

Mr. Kwok recommended tabling the agenda item until a new plan is submitted.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to table the item, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.*

**Agenda Item 6:**  
Jin Lan Liu  
(Bodywork  
Practitioner Permit)

Application has been submitted.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.*

**Topic Update:**

1. Tobacco Regulation Changes - The regulations had been returned from legal with quite a few suggestions and comments. The Board reviewed and discussed the changes made by legal to the regulations. The Board was willing to accept the changes made by legal.

*Mr. Mill motioned to put legal notice in the paper, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.*

2. Animal Regulations - Allison from the Agricultural Committee was in attendance. The Agricultural Committee had very positive feedback on the regulations and were pleased with the changes. The Committee is looking for ways to allow roosters in Medway on non-commercial farms. The Agricultural Committee doesn't necessarily want to change the bylaw, but look more into variances for specific cases.

*Mr. Mill made a motion to submit Animal Regulations to legal counsel for review, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.*

**Committee Member  
Roll Call to  
Complete Meeting:**

Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☐ Katherine Tonelli ☒  
Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, May 15th, 2023

**Adjourn:** 5:55pm

*Respectfully submitted by Justin Tucker*