

**DALTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
CALLAHAN ROOM – TOWN HALL
AUGUST 1, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Edward Gero, Drew Finn, Alyce Kendrick

Members Not Present: Dr. Daniel Doyle, Richard O'Brien

Also Present: Ed Fahey, Health Agent

Vice-Chair Drew Finn opened the meeting at 4:00 PM

Minutes - Minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed; Drew Finn motioned to accept, Ed Gero seconded; all in favor.

Wahconah Falls Trailer Park Septic – Project is on-going. The large tanks have been set and more homes are being tied into the new system weekly. The project engineer Brent White of White Engineering was asked for an update which will be shared with the Board as soon as it arrives.

112 Warren Ave – A letter was sent to the owner by Town Council at the request of the Town Manager offering solutions to the nuisance barn. We are awaiting a response from the owner.

52 Hemlock Hill Chickens – Several residents complained about roosters and chickens being kept at 52 Hemlock Hill. Early morning noise and foul smell were reported from the animals to be disturbing the peace. The health agent visited the property and several methods were tried by the owners to quiet the birds over the past month, including collars for the roosters, which proved ineffective. The Board voted to declare the roosters a public nuisance due to the excessive noise and fine the owners \$10 per day for every day after August 16, 2016 the birds are still at the property. A letter will be sent informing the owners of the decision.

Soft serve ice cream - A separate food permit from the Board is required to sell soft serve ice cream in town. The monthly testing requirement by a lab is being found to be cost prohibitive by the owners of the machines. The Board will consider altering the requirement for testing and asked the Health Agent to investigate the requirements other Towns in the area have in place. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

Mosquitoes - A brief discussion was held regarding mosquitoes and the Zika virus. It was noted a representative of the state mosquito control program based in Pittsfield previously spoke to the board and provided information regarding Dalton joining the program. No action on the matter was taken at that time as the Board felt there was no danger to the public.

The next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2016. The meeting was closed at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Fahey, Health Agent