

Resident Advisory Group – Krochmal Farm
December 19, 2007
Minutes

Lou-Ann Clement Tewksbury Health Director called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Tewksbury Library. Present at the meeting were Chris Kinnon Board of Health (BOH) Member, Edward Sheehan BOH member, Greg Erickson Wilmington Health Director, Jeff Hamel Tewksbury Resident, Jane Benfey Tewksbury Resident and Michelle Walsh Tewksbury Residents.

Absent: James Kim, VMD Wilmington Resident

Tonight was the first meeting of the newly formed "Resident Advisory Group" regarding resident concerns surrounding Krochmal Farm, South Street Tewksbury MA.

Introductions:

The group introduced themselves.

Ground Rules established:

The group discussed, established, and agreed upon organizational procedures and protocols. They are as follows:

- Minutes are to be taken at each meeting. Upon approval, the minutes will be posted on BOH website.
- This group will act as a resource to the BOH and has no "legal authority." They will research and review possible changes as a whole.
- A quorum equals 4 to 5 members consisting of 1 BOH member, 1 Co-chair, 1 resident, 2 other members.
- Co-chairs are Lou-Ann Clement and Michelle Walsh
- Parliamentarian is Greg Erickson (non-voting member)
- BOH's Recording Secretary will transcribe minutes.

Goals and objectives:

The group discussed and agreed upon the following goals and objectives:

- Solve odor problem by reducing it to an acceptable level; to the level prior to 2005, and make neighborhood livable in a long lasting way.
- Protect the residents from odors and other public health concerns through reviewing current laws and regulations.

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- Establish and investigate water quality of surface water, ground water, and runoff from the farm, including Sutton Brook and Shawsheen River.
- Research and investigate the condition of “saturation of fields” and “normal farming practices”
- Establish and maintain a means of communication to provide and share accurate information between the BOH and residents through information collection, review, and suggestions. Including information updates. To alleviate anxiety of residents
- Research and obtain to help with health effects of “small” pig farms
- Locate other resources to help in the process.

Expanding group:

Jane Benfey suggested adding a Wilmington resident, which the odor is directly affects. Greg Erickson will work on this. Dr. Kim is a veterinarian and a good resource; however, he is not affected by odor.

Jane Benfey and Michelle Walsh recommended an additional Tewksbury resident be included and suggested Bryon Delonais. Lou-Ann Clement cautioned making this working group too big and would have to consult with BOH first.

Documents:

Lou-Ann Clement offered copies of information brought to meeting concerning Krochmal Farm to Michelle Walsh. Michelle Walsh requested copies of any information offered, which was not initiated by TewksburyOdor.

Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting will discussion will take place for a mission statement and Lou-Ann Clement suggested we all think about a statement and bring ideas with them.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Minutes:

Lou-Ann Clement requested all members e-mail meeting to her notes to establish minutes (tape recorder malfunctioned).

Meeting Adjourned at 9 PM