



MEETING POSTING

City of Melrose
City Hall
562 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Committee/Board: Board of Health

Meeting Day/Date/Time: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Location: City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Call to Order: By Frank Brincheiro

Time Called: 5:04 PM

Second by: Carol Ann Licitra

In Attendance/Roll Call:

Board Members: Carol Ann Licitra, Lillian Kelly, Frank Brincheiro

Health Department: Director, Anthony Chui M.P.H, Health Department Administrative Assistant, Denise Slane

Absent: N/A

Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2021 Meeting:

Minutes were reviewed from October 12, 2021 meeting.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting.

Lillian Kelly second the motion.

Vote to approve the motion to accept the meeting minutes:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Public Comment:

Frank Brincherio made a motion to open the floor to the public at 5:06 p.m.

Lillian second the motion to open the floor to the public.

Vote to approve the Motion to open the floor to the public:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Floor opened

Douglas May of 69 First Street, Melrose spoke about how he is the neighbor of Kelly Whalen and feels the letter Kelly sent to the City about the excessive use of leaf blowers is appropriate and he is curious to see what the Board thinks.

Stella of 53 Melrose Street, Melrose has been working from home and cannot focus on her job due to leaf blower noise.

Kelly Whalen of 77 First Street, Melrose told us how on October 29th, he was assaulted by the noise from the leaf blowers that Stefano's Landscaping was using to clean up his neighbor's yard. He could not get any work done and stated he found the situation to be intolerable and like he was trapped in his own home and couldn't get away from the noise. The crew began working at 8:30AM and the noise continued all day long. He stated he did receive a letter back from the Health Inspector but feels the Health Inspector is incorrect in their interpretation of the order.

Beth Cockerham of 77 First Street, Melrose stated that she found a study that recommends devices be adapted for low frequency sounds and the noise from leaf blowers would fall into that category.

John Raymond of 36 Cedar Park, Melrose also stated that it is very difficult to work from home when there are leaf blowers on in the neighboring yards.

Douglas May stated that perhaps the Health Department standard is too rigorous and that a more realistic standard be set.

The Board of Health and Health Department will look into this complaint further and discuss again at a future meeting once more research can be done.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to close the floor.

Frank Brincheiro second the motion to close the floor.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to close the floor to the public:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Floor Closed 5:26 p.m.

Carol Ann requested that the issue of the leaf blower noise be discussed between the Board of Health and Health Department further. Frank Brincheiro asked if anyone knew how old the ordinance is. The Health Department will look into the date of the ordinance and discuss with the Inspector so that this item can be addressed again at a future meeting.

Director's Report:

New Hires:

Per Diem Nurse for the schools – we are still looking for someone for this position.
Public Health Specialist – applications have been received and the screening process will begin next week.
Contact Tracers – have been hired and all are in place and working

Dumpster Permitting:

We are in process of setting up a permitting system for dumpsters.

Upcoming Clinics:

Flu Clinic – Saturday, November 13th location TBD

COVID Clinics – We are in the process of setting up COVID clinics for the 5-11 age group.
We are also looking into bringing the VAX Bus to the city for residents and senior housing.

Motion made by Carol Ann Licitria to adjourn.

Second by Lillian Kelly.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to adjourn the meeting:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 PM