

MEETING NOTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY BOARD OF HEALTH
September 28, 2023 4:30 pm

In Attendance: Chairperson Thomas J. Durkin III; Members Julia Fleet, D.O., and Anthony Carli; Health Department Director Sharon Cameron (via Zoom), Inspector John Yale, and Recording Secretary Lisa Greene,

The meeting was held in the City Hall Lower- Level Conference Room at 4:30 p.m.
with public access also available remotely Via Zoom

At 4:33 Mr. Durkin opened the General Meeting, read the hearing notice and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the first matters before the Board today were some hearings.

1.) HEARINGS

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:30 pm): Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Laurie Fernandez.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 4:33 pm. Ms. Fernandez was present and explained that she is applying because she is an artist, a painter, and wants to expand to become a tattoo artist to help connect people with art.

Mr. Durkin asked Ms. Fernandez to explain what steps she will take to prevent cross contamination. Ms. Fernandez replied that she washes her hands frequently, wears gloves, uses madacide spray, wraps her machine and the chair, both get double wrapped with sensa wrap. She said she uses all disposable items, including ink caps. Mr. Durkin noted that she had experience working in Lynn, and asked if she had any history of violations while working there. Ms. Fernandez replied that she had not. He asked Ms. Fernandez if she had ever had someone returned to her with an infection. She replied that she has not and said that she has learned to not overwork the skin, adding that she would rather not do too much work at one time in order to prevent infections. Mr. Durkin asked if she had procedures in place for aftercare. Ms. Fernandez replied that she hands out an aftercare instructions sheet, and verbally explains the steps, and gives clients a calming cream and foam cleaner. Inspector Yale asked if there are any skin conditions that would prevent her from tattooing a client. Ms. Fernandez replied that if she sees any inflamed skin she will not tattoo, including sun damage, bumpy irritations, or a rash. He asked how she preps the skin. Ms. Fernandez replied that she uses a hand sanitizer that is alcohol based to clean the skin, adheres an art stencil, and applies vitamin A&D cream to moisturize the skin as she is tattooing. Mr. Durkin asked if Mr. Yale had anything else to say on the application. Inspector Yale said no and said that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Durkin asked where she will be working. Ms. Fernandez replied that she will be working at Hood Ink in Peabody which just opened. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or present in the audience wished to speak on this matter. No responses were put forth. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 4:40.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:30 pm): Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing (apprentice only) submitted by Courtney Langton.

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Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 4:41 p.m. Ms. Langton was present via zoom and said she started at Mercado Tattoo Studio 7 months ago as an apprentice, and wants to continue pursuing tattooing and loves to be able to put her art on people and to make them happy. Mr. Durkin asked what she did at Mercado. Ms. Langton replied that she cleaned, shopped, mopped, swept, watched the artists, did drawings, got notes on her drawings on how to make them better, helped set up tools for the artists, got guidance, broke down their stations, and took the required skin training.

Mr. Durkin asked what Ms. Langton will be doing at the new location. She replied that she would be working on fake skin some more and then tattooing with a licensed artist overseeing and walking her through everything. She added that she will be working under artist Max Hill. Mr. Durkin asked her to explain what she has learned so far about preventing cross contamination. Ms. Langton replied that she always washes her hands to start, puts on gloves, makes sure all equipment is properly wrapped, makes no contact with anything outside the area, uses clean gloves to set up and takes them off if she needs to grab a new needle or anything, changes gloves each time, and makes sure everything is properly sanitized. Inspector Yale reported that Ms. Langton's paperwork appears to be all in order. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone present or on zoom wished to speak on this matter. No responses were received. Mr. Yale asked Ms. Langton about wearing jewelry. She replied that she takes off all of her jewelry when tattooing. Yale replied that he is happy to hear that because jewelry is known to harbor bacteria. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 4:46 pm.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit for Ms. Langton to perform body tattooing as an apprentice only. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:30 pm): Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Anthony Beatrice.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 4:47 pm. Mr. Beatrice was present via zoom and said he has been into art his whole life. He has been perfecting his art and learning the old ways to the new in tattooing. He had a lot of people along the way help him, wants to give back and help other artists learn the right ways to do things. He will be working at Lake Street in west Peabody. Mr. Durkin asked what do you know about preventing cross contamination. Beatrice said washing hands throughout, before, clean gloves, wiping everything down, wrap with saran wrap or Saniwrap, wipe down after process. He pours ink into disposable cap with clean gloves and returns it to shelf with clean gloves. If he needs more will remove gloves, refill caps and continue. Inks not reused, everything is one time one use. Fill up a disposable ink cap and dispose the ink cap after done. Wipe with madacide. Mr. Durkin asked how he keeps up with best practices and new technology. Beatrice said he has been doing it for long time but still makes room for learning and growing and keeps an open mind on ways to do it better. Disposable tools makes everything easier, with autoclave there was the chance for things to go wrong so brilliant minds made it better by inventing disposable tools. Durkin asked about any permitting issues in Lynn, any complaints? No. Infections? Aftercare? Aftercare will give instruction, with both a written and verbal explanation of what to apply to protect the tattoo and prevent infection. If someone does get an infection? Tries to work less than more, so not too much trauma to the skin, working slowly for better healing. Saniderm or other covering tattoo helps, if people had irritations or anything, give them the right information, if they had a reaction guide them to send a picture to see and direct them to a physician. He tells them to avoid going to a pool or a lake because it interferes with healing. Mr.

Yale advised to always give a hard copy of after care instructions . He does verbal instruction every time even to people he tattoos many times, but going forward will give a hard copy each time too. Yale stated to also let us know so we are in the loop too.

Mr. Yale said all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or in room wish to speak on this matter. No responses were received. 4:48 closed hearing.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:30 pm): Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Amber Williams.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 4:49 pm. Ms. Williams was present via zoom and explained that she got into tattooing years ago, has always been an artist her whole life, but started taking it more seriously about 5 years ago. She apprenticed at 7 Deadly Sins in Lynn, and another place in Lynn, then had a baby and took a little time off but is really excited to get back to it. She said that she was in a healthcare field in the past, so is very familiar with blood borne pathogens, and how infection prevention is important, and said that she also wants to be a good artist overall. Mr. Durkin asked Ms. Williams to tell her procedures for preventing cross contamination. She replied that she will wash her hands, use single use implements, disposable supplies- the only things not single use and disposable are the bed, the tattoo machine, and the tool tray, and all of those get covered in saniwrap. She said that she has researched a lot on these things, and found that artists are not supposed to tattoo a person for more than 6 hours, as people lose plasma during the process. She said that she learned that pregnant people can't be tattooed as there is a chance of infection impacting the baby and making them more prone to infections. She said that she used to be a medical professional and knows that it is her job to keep everything clean, to educate people. She said that she will offer saniderm as a protective barrier over a tattoo, tells people to be mindful that it is an open wound, and tells them to be responsible. She said that it is a job, but is also exciting, but she takes it very seriously. She added that she has never had anyone return with an infection but once had an overworked tattoo so she knows not to do that again. She said that if she ever did have someone return with an infection she would send them to seek out medical care immediately. Mr. Durkin asked if she had received any complaints or had issues with the board of health. She replied that she had not. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any questions from board? None were put forth. Inspector Yale said all paperwork is in order. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or in person with any questions or comments. None were put forth. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 5:05.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Amber Williams. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:30 pm): Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Maritza Rodriguez.

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Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 5:05 pm. Ms. Rodriguez was present via Zoom and said that she had gotten her eyebrows microbladed and really liked the process so she started to work with a teacher. She said she helped her teacher to set up and clean up, and then decided to take a class and work with her for a year. She said that she really liked doing it and decided to get her own place. She explained that she would be doing micropigmentation, which is different from tattooing. She said that she does eyeliner and eyebrows, and right now is limited and is only allowed to do five forms of microblading, not all 12. She said that she also does shadow microblading for people with no hair.

Mr. Durkin asked Ms. Rodriguez to tell about her procedures to prevent cross contamination. Ms. Rodriguez said that first she will talk with the client and get the forms filled out, then cover their hair and set up her equipment. She said that her products are all single use only, and the only thing that is not single use is the pigments, which she will take away from the area before any process, and she will throw away old ink. She said she will wash her hands before and after each procedure, and said she keeps her hands clean to prevent infection and from contaminating things. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any questions from the Board members. None were put forth. Ms. Cameron said that she would like to hear more about Ms. Rodriguez's experience, because on her application she lists about 100 hours of experience but since she hasn't been permitted anywhere previously, she assumes that these hours were during her apprenticeship, but said that she had checked with the Revere Board of Health and they don't license apprentices. Ms. Cameron asked how many procedures she had done on live models. Ms. Rodriguez replied that she counts the entire time of apprenticeship and has done more than 70 people over 6-7 months. Ms. Cameron asked Ms. Rodriguez how long she has been practicing before coming here. Ms. Rodriguez replied that she had begun in September of last year. Mr. Yale asked Ms. Rodriguez how she would prep her clients. Ms. Rodriguez replied that she will do a consultation and look at their skin, and make sure they understand the procedure. She said that if she saw a rash or anything she wouldn't touch the skin. When she was doing medical assisting she had seen lots of skin issues, as she had been doing that for 7-8 years and has her certificate. Ms. Cameron asked if she intends to have any other artists at her shop. Ms. Rodriguez replied no. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or in person wished to ask a question or to comment? No responses were received. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 5:17.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit for Maritza Rodriguez for micropigmentation only. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 4:45 pm) – Hearing re: Application for Permit to Operate a Body Tattooing Establishment by Maritza Rodriguez at Star Kreations Salon and Spa by, 124 Newbury St. Peabody. Vote anticipated to grant or deny permit.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 5:11 pm. Ms. Rodriguez was present. Mr. Durkin asked where the shop is located. Ms. Rodriguez replied that it is near the jughandle on Newbury Street. Mr. Durkin deferred to inspector Yale to tell the Board if this establishment is ready to go. Mr. Yale said that he has to go back out and see if everything has been completed and approve it, so the decision will have to indicate that the permit is pending inspection and approval. He said that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone had any questions or wanted to comment on the application. No questions were put forth. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 5:18.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit to Operate a Body Tattooing Establishment by Maritza Rodriguez at Star Kreations Salon and Spa at 124 Newbury St pending the completion of and passing the physical inspection. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 5:00 pm) - Hearing re: Application for Permit to Keep Certain Animals at 8 Birch St. by Elizabeth Cronin.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 5:19 pm. Ms. Cronin was present. Mr. Durkin asked her to tell why they are applying for the animal permit today. Ms. Cronin replied that they had gotten 4 chickens for their kids because they wanted pets and because her friend has chickens. He said her friend had said to just go get them at the store, but then her neighbor told her that she will need a permit. She said that they are laying eggs now which is awesome. Mr. Yale reported that he has received a picture of the new coop set up. He said that they have detached the run that is there so there is just the coop now, but they have gotten a bigger enclosure so the chickens can run around more freely. Mr. Durkin said rodents are an issue and asked what she plans to do to prevent issues there. Ms. Cronin replied that she keeps their feed in an aluminum can in a shed, that she had Critter Control come out and do their pest survey and they said things look good, she signed a contract for them to put traps around the property and to come back regularly. Mr. Yale said that he has not yet had been to the property but said that in the back there are no abutting residences just lots of woods, they have an acre. Ms. Cronin said that her brother and sister-in-law are neighbors so there are no issues there, they have a big lot, the coop is in the middle toward the woods, so it is a good location. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any questions from the board. None were put forth. He asked if anyone on zoom or in the audience had any questions or comments. None were put forth. Mr. Durkin asked if they had seen any coyotes there. Ms. Cronin replied that they had seen a coyote on their camera which ran around the coop but took off because he couldn't get in. Mr. Durkin asked for confirmation that there would be no rooster. Ms. Cronin replied that they would not have a rooster. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 5:23.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve Ms. Cronin's permit for 4 chickens to be kept at 8 Birch St. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 5:00 pm) - Hearing re: Application for Permit to Keep Certain Animals at 60 Central St. by Arianny and Juan DeJesus.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 5:24 pm. Mr. and Ms. DeJesus were present via zoom. Mr. Durkin asked them to tell why they are applying for the animal permit today. Mr. DeJesus replied that they are from the Dominican Republic and had a lot of chickens there and would like to keep 6 chickens here, adding that they have a lot of experience with chickens, they did a lot of research, they followed the regulations on how the chickens' coop was to be constructed, away from house. He said that he is prepared to keep it clean, to separate waste, and gave them enough space. He said he installed a fence around the chicken coop and sent pictures to John Yale's e-mail so he can see it is all done. Mr. Durkin said that residents have concerns about rodents, and asked if he has a plan to address and prevent them. Mr. DeJesus said he had pest

control come to the house, they saw nothing, but put preventative traps around. He said he asked them to come every six months. He went on to say that he knows not to leave waste outside in plastic, to always keep their waste and their food covered, and to clean the coop 2 times per week. He said he will store food in plastic containers not in bags so no smells come out to bring pests around. Mr. Yale said that he had seen the coop but they have made some improvements. He said they had received a complaint about roosters, but the rooster is now gone. The coop was originally too close to the fence, now they have moved it. He said they had sent pictures so he is all set with the new set up. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or in person wishes to speak on this matter. A person on Zoom said that he would.

Kenneth Brianna said he is the owner of the neighboring property at 58 Central Street, which is a 3 family house with children on all three floors. He said he was told by his tenants that the neighbors had a large amount of chickens and roosters making alot of noise. He said he doesn't know much about roosters or chickens, but said his tenant says they are very noisy, and added that there are houses all around their property so he is not sure it is a good idea there. He said that the chickens sometimes run free and there is a gate and if opened the chickens can go out, and the tenant said he had to chase the chickens off Central Street. He said the tenants didn't want to come forward and cause problems with these neighbors because they like them, so he as the landlord is voicing their concerns. He said the chickens are everywhere and are noisy. He said he knows roosters make one noise but said that he also knows that hens make another noise. He said he heard them say they are asking for up to 6 hens but said he thinks there are a lot more than that from what he could tell from when he was there today. He said he can't really see well behind the garage, and that they run along the fence. He said the tenants are concerned about their children, about the noise, and about them attracting mice and rats. He said he owned this property for 30 years, they never had these before, until these new folks moved in. He said his tenants love the people but do have a problem with chickens all over the place and roosters, and them running free. He said they said they are very noisy. Mr. Durkin asked if there was anything else. Mr. Brianna replied no. Mr. Durkin thanked him for his testimony. Mr. Durkin asked the applicants to confirm that they had no rooster. Mr. DeJesus replied not anymore. Mr. Durkin asked about the noise from the hens. Mr. DeJesus replied that they are not noisy, and said that he got rid of the rooster, put a fence around their house so they don't go anywhere. Mr. Durkin asked how they will contain the chickens. Mr. DeJesus replied that he had put a fence around the house so they cannot go to the front or over near their house. Mr. Durkin asked if he has more than 6. Mr. DeJesus replied no, and indicated to Mr. Yale and said that what he saw is what they have. He added that before he didn't know the rule so he had a rooster too but gave it away. Mr. Durkin said that he is limited to 6, no more, and said that a violation of that could result in revocation of the permit. Mr. Yale said that they had sent pictures showing the improvements but said he will go out tomorrow. Mr. Durkin said that you have the rodent inspection, the fence, there are no roosters and said to please know that the neighbors have the right to enjoy their property peacefully. Mr. DeJesus replied that he understood. Mr. Brianna the neighbor then said he is not sure if it is pertinent, but wonders if they are the owners of 60 Central Street. Mr. Yale replied yes. Mr. Brianna said if the applicants were renters he wouldn't want them having chickens. Mr. Durkin asked if any board members have questions. None were put forth. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor or against the permit. No responses were put forth. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 5:39.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the permit to keep 6 hens at 60 Central St. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: (Scheduled for 5:00 pm) - Hearing re: Application for Permit to Keep Certain Animals (7 hens) at 92 Russell St. submitted by Santos Villehos.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice at 5:40 pm. Mr. Villehos was present and said that they are from Puerto Rico and used to have chickens there. He said the area he owns is a little like the country, so he built a coop and is ready. Mr. Yale said this is a good location, the coop is in the center not near abutters or fence line, so everything seems fine. He added that they have had pest control come out, they have met the requirements and to be experienced. Mr. Villehos said that he plans to keep them clean and healthy and get some eggs. He said he will store the food closed in a container with a lid, and plans to clean a couple of times per week. Mr. Durkin said the pest control inspection is in place, and asked if there is anything further they should know. Mr. Yale said no and added that there are also other chickens in the neighborhood.

Mr. Durkin asked if anyone wished to speak on this matter. Mr. and Mrs. Lee said they are neighbors. Mr. Lee began stated he is concerned about infectious diseases like coronavirus being transmitted by the chickens and how to protect himself. He said they are also concerned about rats and mice. Mrs. Lee said that before they never saw mice but are now seeing mice and don't want to see any more mice from the chickens as it is very hard to catch them. She said that already there are too many cars going around at night, she doesn't want to have to hear the hens, there are already rabbits going around, sooner or later there will be mice. She said that Villehos is a good neighbor, but she has to think of their own protection. She said this country is a high-level country, the best level country in the world, but now it is getting worse, and they don't know how to protect them from coronavirus.

Mr. Durkin said the Board is worried about COVID as well and every month they discuss Covid and are following these things very closely and you are welcome to listen in from your home to the Board meetings. He said the Board is also concerned about rodents which is why they require a rodent control plan to address that concern, which is in place in this instance, and if it doesn't work we can revisit the matter. Mr. Villehos said he will clean the waste 2 x per week and every 6 months pest control will return. He said he is a nurses aid and a maintenance assistant so he is aware of cleanliness. R. Lee said he has to know what to do, he has been there for 35 years, now there is too much noise, too many motorcycles. Mr. Durkin replied that he didn't think they can help them with the traffic noise issue tonight and said they are going to focus on the chickens in the back yard. Mrs. Lee said why do they need to have chickens, they belong on a farm. Mr. Durkin said the applicant is looking to keep 7 hens in his backyard. He explained that if there ends up being a problem that they could call to report it and the inspector could come out. Mrs. Lee replied that they won't check on them every day. Mr. Carli noted that they could have up to 10 chickens by the square foot of their lot, but said they appreciate you keeping at 7. Dr. Fleet said she notes that the pest control report says there is no evidence of rodents, please keep it up good cleaning practices to prevent any problems. Mr. Durkin thanked the Lees for coming and said that it is important that everyone gets a chance to be heard. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone else had any comments on this matter.

Mrs. Bricket raised a hand on Zoom and was invited to speak. She introduced herself as Binny Bricket of 1 Waldingfield, next door to Santos. She said he is a wonderful neighbor but said she is very concerned about the chickens, about mice and the smells. She said there are mice in their wooded area, but she is afraid of rats. She said the coyote presence in the area has increased, their property has a gully behind it, they have dog and fenced in yard, and are afraid the numbers of

rodents are going to increase. She asked if it is just going to be hens. Mr. Durkin replied yes and said that roosters are prohibited, so there will only be hens. She said there was talk of cleaning twice a week, and asked how is the waste disposed of. Mr. Villehos replied that he will dispose of it in plastic bags in his trash barrel and put it out weekly. She asked if the chickens will be free roaming in the yard. Mr. Villejos replied no, they will be in a contained area. She asked what if they become loose what is the protocol. Mr. Villehos replied that they won't have them loose, the fence is secure. She asked about the permit and if there is an annual review. Mr. Yale replied that there is an annual renewal, and the pest control survey is required to be submitted every year, but the inspectors don't typically come back out for an annual inspection unless there is a complaint. She asked if she sees critters should she call his office. She said they never had rats and she doesn't want them. Mr. Yale replied yes, if they see rodents to call them. Ms. Bricket said her concern is that it is now nice in her backyard, a quiet area, a nice sanctuary, she enjoys her backyard, she didn't move next to a farm. She said she has a dog, people may complain if her dog barks but then she will call him in but you can't call chickens in. Mr. Durkin said thanks for your comments and said let's address these concerns. Mr. Durkin asked Mr. Villehos what his experience is with the noise level 7 hens will make. Mr. Villohos replied that if you keep them happy, an animal can be quieted, it is amazing. He said other people have ducks and they don't bother us. Mr. Durkin said the mice worry was addressed because they have a rodent plan, the waste issue was addressed. He said next was the question of smell- what odors come from 7 hens. Mr. Villehos replied that it depends, but if you keep it clean it is not a problem. Mr. Durkin said that we have heard your commitment to keeping it clean and that will help. Mr. Durkin said he is satisfied that Villehos is addressing the neighbors' issues. Mr. Villehos said he is a pastor at church and if complaints happen he will remove them. He said he has a very big yard so there is nothing wrong with that.

Martin Lee was on the zoom call and said he is also a little concerned, what is the process if we do have issues, and said their fence is 15 feet away, if the noise becomes an issue what is the process. Mr. Durkin relied that they should call the Health Department and say the animals next door are loud. Mr. Yale added that they respond to all complaints, and said they will come out to investigate. Mr. Martin Lee said that this is all new to them, and said he hopes it goes well. He asked if there have been issues with chickens next door to people, have they gotten a lot of complaints. Mr. Yale replied that the City has dozens of permits out there, some in closer quarters downtown Walnut Street, Tremont Street, and they receive complaints occasionally, but not a constant issue, and if we did have a situation where it raised to the point where it was continuous we'd have the permit holder come in for a hearing. He said they have had noise complaints for roosters before, some rodent complaints in areas where people have chicken coops. Mr. Lee said that he is sure they will be good owners but never having lived near animals he wanted to ask. Mr. Durkin said at this time we ask questions and see if the applicant is aware of the possible issues, and if later there are complaints we will revisit. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone else wished to speak on this matter. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing at 6:07.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to approve the application to keep 7 hens at 92 Russell St. by Santos Villehos. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

BUSINESS

Subject 1: Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2023 and August 24, 2023

Discussion: Mr. Durkin said that he had read the minutes from both July 27th and August 24th and said he would entertain a motion to approve or any questions or corrections. No corrections were put forth.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Carli and seconded by Dr. Fleet to accept both the July 27th and August 24th Minutes. A roll call vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to accept both sets of minutes.

Subject 2: Environmental Updates-a) Allied Waste Systems – proposed modifications to Wood Recycling Transfer Station.

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 2: Environmental Updates-b) Rousselot

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 2: Environmental Updates-c) Rodent control

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 2: Environmental Updates- d) Northeast Nursery

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 3: Code Enforcement Updates- a) Housing: 1 Avalon Dr; 7 Spring St. Ct.;

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 3: Code Enforcement Updates-b) Nuisances: 15 King St.; 17 Central St; 21 Pleasant St; 29 Abington Ave; 13 Bay State Blvd; 10 ½ Fulton St; 144 Washington St; 8 N. Central St; 288 Washington St;

Discussion: Reviewed. Back in court with King Street next week.

Subject 3: Code Enforcement Updates- c) Animals: 2 Tremont St;

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 4: Permitting updates-a) List of Permits Issued in August 2023

Discussion: Reviewed. Noted that the list of animal permits shows a total of 275 hens on report throughout the city.

Subject 5: Public Health Nursing updates-a) August 2023 surveillance report

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 5: Public Health Nursing updates-b) Flu season

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 5: Public Health Nursing updates-c) COVID update

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 6: Social service updates

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Discussion: Ms. Cameron stated first meeting of social services commission expected to be scheduled in October. Migrant families, there are about 350 individuals over 3 hotels, pretty consistent census. Some families have been placed in permanent housing but have been replaced by new families and expect to see more in the future.

Subject 7: Correspondence: a) From DEP re: 58 Pulaski St.

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject 7: Correspondence: b) From Cameron re: Elginwood Pond

Discussion: Reviewed.

Mr. Carli made Motion to Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: Change date to October 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 6:13 p.m.