

TOWN OF LANCASTER  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Lancaster Community Center  
September 7, 2016

Present: Stephen Piazza, Chair, David Dunn, Clerk, and Richard Belanger

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There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.

**Public Hearing, Recombinant DNA Regulations**

*Present: Ryan McNutt, Town Administrator*

**At 9:01 AM Chair Steve Piazza read aloud a public hearing notice thereby convening a public hearing for the purpose of considering adopting Recombinant DNA Regulations.**

Chair Piazza stated that the purpose of the regulations is to help the town by being proactive in creating these regulations before any proposed industrial development for bio-industry is proposed.

Mr. Richard Belanger asked if there would be any issues with residents in allowing the regulations and if bio-tech industry was even zoned in the town.

Chair Piazza stated that in the draft regulations there are two different committees that will oversee the permit process. Chair Piazza went on to state that he has spoken to Selectman Stan Starr regarding the proposed regulations and the committees that will oversee the process as they will be appointed by the Selectman.

Mr. Ryan McNutt stated that the IPOD Zoning District located in North Lancaster allows for this type of industry.

Chair Piazza stated that the Board could do nothing to prevent Recombinant DNA businesses from operating in town. Being proactive on the matter gives the town an advantage to opening up industrial development since, according to Nashoba Board of Health, no other town in the area has adopted similar regulations.

Mr. Belanger asked if there was any reason to think that the town residents would be against the proposed regulations.

Chair Piazza stated that the hearing was posted and there is no one present, to express any concerns. The regulations will place restrictions within the permitting process that are designed to protect the citizens of Lancaster.

**At 9:10 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to close the public hearing for proposed Recombinant DNA Regulations. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**At 9:11 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion approve the Recombinant DNA Regulations as amended. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hampson, LBOH Office Manager