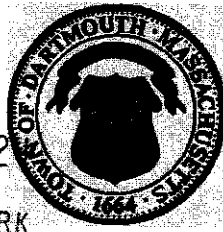


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**SITE VISIT TO RUNAWAY FARM ON 155 OLD FALL RIVER ROAD- 1 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, December 11, 2014**

The meeting notice was duly posted. The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on December 11, 2014, at Runaway Farm on 155 Old Fall River Road.

The following were in attendance for the site visit at Runaway Farm on 155 Old Fall River Road:

Adrian Fulk, Runaway Farm Owner
Claudia Arsenio, Runaway Farm Owner
Leslie E.J. McKinley, Chair BoH
Thomas Hardman, BoH
Sandra Gosselin ACO
Vince Frary, Agricultural Commission
Susan Murray, Agricultural Commission
Derek Christianson, Agricultural Commission
Tim Tucker, NRCS

1:00 P.M. Runaway Farm - Piggery permit hearing- Representatives of the Board of Health, Animal Control, NRCS and the Dartmouth Agricultural Commission met with the owners of Runaway Farm onsite to discuss the application of the farmers for a piggery permit. This site visit came as a result of extensive discussion at the Board of Health's public hearing on the application of Adrian Fulk and Claudia Arsenio for a piggery permit on December 3 2014. Members of the Board of Health were interested in seeing Runaway Farm in person and discussing the NRCS farm plan with the owners.

Mr. Fulk and Ms. Arsenio gave the group a thorough tour of the operation including the barn where two mother pigs and approximately 10 piglets are housed; an area where rabbits are kept both in cages and free range; the temporary pen where the goats are kept; another outdoor area for approximately 9 older pigs to root; and then finally an area where the boar and two additional adult female pigs are kept along with chickens and ducks.

There were several issues raised and discussed at length at this meeting. Mr. Hardman was very clear in his concern about making sure that the NRCS would work with the farmers to calculate the appropriate number of pigs that can be kept sustainably on the farm. Mr. Tucker assured the Board members that NRCS would be working with Ms. Arsenio and Mr. Fulk to determine that number by the January 14 2015 Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Gosselin reiterated her recommendations that the animals have adequate access to clean water and clean feed from a trough that is not broadcasted directly on the ground where it will mix with soil and create foul odors. The farmers have been working on new feed dispersal systems that are on sleds so that they may be moved from pasture area to pasture area as the animals are being rotated and the fields have time to dry out and regrow. Ms. Gosselin was comfortable with this type of feeding station.