



Board of Health Agenda

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Hybrid Participation, Health & Human Services Conference Room

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2025
2. HEARING:
Rabies Exemption Request
3. HEARING:
Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.; November 6, 2025 at 167 Crosby St
4. HEARING:
Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.; November 15, 2025 at 29 Mass Ave
5. HEARING:
Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.; November 15, 2025 at 26-30 Russell Pl
6. UPDATES:
Director Updates
7. UPDATES:
Environmental Updates
8. UPDATES:
Restaurant Updates

OPEN FORUM

Adjourn



Town of Arlington
Health and Human Services
Health Department
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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Health and Human Services Conference Room, 27 Maple Street

Board Members present:

1. Marie Walsh-Condon
2. Peter Rice
3. Sabrina Eagan

Health Department staff present:

1. Kylee Foley
2. Colleen Leger
3. Charlotte Breef-Pilz
4. Lindsey Sharp
5. Jessica Kerr
6. Laura Munsey
7. Elnaz Tahmassebi, Metro Public Health Collaborative
8. Mike Cunningham, Town Counsel
9. Emma (Arlington High School Intern)

Agenda Items

1. Acceptance of Meeting minutes from November 19, 2025

Dr. Rice made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Ms. Eagan.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

2. Correspondence received – David Stoff, Alewife CSO

Director Foley introduced Arlington resident Mr. David Stoff and the correspondence he provided about Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). Mr. Stoff's correspondence was provided in the Board's meeting packet. Mr. Stoff reported he will be meeting with the MA Department of Environmental Protection early next year about CSOs. Mr. Stoff expressed support of Somerville tracking reports on CSOs that come in from Arlington more effectively to improve data collection and analysis.

Ms. Eagan asked if a follow-up/report logging system currently exists in Somerville regarding Arlington-based complaints. Mr. Stoff clarified that the system exists but isn't as effective as somewhere like Cambridge where they utilize a 311-style system.

The Board thanked Mr. Stoff for his update.

3. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.: July 21, 2025 at 29 Mass Ave

The Board stated the procedure for this and all following Noise Abatement Bylaw hearings to be taking place at this meeting. Attorney Cunningham stated that all deliberation would be based off of the complaint information and what is presented during the hearings.

Dr. Rice motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Director Foley presented the facts of the citation issued to John's Landscape Service based on events at 29 Mass Ave on July 21, 2025. This citation was issued due to a report of Leaf Blower use before 7:30 am at the aforementioned property.

John Tighe, owner of John's Landscape Service, stated that he is not against the bylaw but does take issue with the citizen enforcement aspect of the bylaw. He also stated that he does not believe any machinery was used before 7:30 am regarding this citation, which is why he appealed it.

Dr. Walsh-Condon asked whether this was a residential or commercial property, and Tighe confirmed that it was a CVS. Dr. Walsh-Condon asked how long this job would generally take from arrival to departure, and Tighe stated it would take about an hour. Dr. Walsh-Condon then asked if blow out with electric leaf blowers happens at the end, and about how long that would take. Tighe confirms it takes place at the end, and that it takes 15 minutes. Dr. Walsh-Condon asked how this complaint was received, and whether it was about gas leaf blower use, or the time at which it took place. Director Foley states that both of those things fall under the Arlington Noise Abatement bylaw, and that the complaint was received via the Docusign reporting form on the Health Department website.

Dr. Rice asked if the complainants were also invited to attend these hearings, and Director Foley confirmed that they were.

Attorney Cunningham stated that the nature of the bylaw is neither the purpose nor scope of these hearings, and that the Board should only consider the facts of each citation for the purposes of these hearings.

Ms. Eagan asked if there was a timestamp on the submission of complaints. Director Foley and Attorney Cunningham explained that the submitted Docusign reports come to the Health Department via email once the complainants submit them. After observing a violation, complainants are requested to submit their reports through the Docusign within 7 days.

Dr. Rice motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to accept the appeal and dismiss the violation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

4. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.;
September 17, 2025 at 4 Longmeadow Rd

Dr. Rice motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Director Foley presented the facts of the citation issued to John's Landscape Service based on events at 4 Longmeadow Rd on September 17, 2025. This citation was issued due to a report of gas powered leaf blower use at the aforementioned property.

Mr. Tighe stated that the photos included with the complaint for this citation are of electric leaf blowers.

Dr. Walsh-Condon asked if Mr. Tighe uses both gas and electric leaf blowers, and when he would use each of them. Mr. Tighe confirmed that he does, and their use is based off the restrictions of the community in which they are working. Dr. Walsh-Condon asked how long an electric leaf blower battery lasts, and Mr. Tighe states it is 4-6 hours when on low, but only about 30 minutes when on high.

Ms. Eagan asked if the Health Department has a library of photos of gas vs. electric leaf blowers, and Director Foley responded that the Health Department asks companies for information on the electric models they use so that the Health Department can assess complaints with this information.

Dr. Rice motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Walsh-Condon. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to accept the appeal and dismiss the violation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

5. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: John's Landscape Service Inc.; October
30, 2025 at 730 Mass Ave

Dr. Rice motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Director Foley presented the facts of the citation issued to John's Landscape Service based on events at 730 Mass Ave on October 30, 2025. Director Foley reported that she was the one to observe this violation firsthand, and it took place on town property.

Mr. Tighe confirmed that his company was using gas powered leaf blowers on this occasion, as it was his understanding that this was permitted when they are acting as an extension of the Town. Attorney Cunningham confirmed that the Bylaw explicitly exempts wheeled four stroke engine leaf blowers on town property in specific situations, but other gas powered leaf blowers, such as backpack gas powered leaf blowers, are not exempt.

Dr. Rice motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Dr. Rice asked if this would now be John's Landscape Service, Inc.'s first violation due to the successful appeals of the previous two cases. Director Foley reported that there was an earlier first violation in 2025, so this would be the company's second violation if an appeal is not granted, warranting a \$100 fine for the company.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to uphold the citation. 2nd by Ms. Eagan.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Ms. Eagan, Aye
3. Dr. Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

6. Correspondence received – Regulations Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products, Arlington Smoke Shop

Director Foley introduced the information provided by the owner of the Arlington Smoke Shop regarding a request to update Arlington's Tobacco regulations.

Dr. Walsh-Condon reported that this will be taken under advisement by the Board.

Dr. Rice asked if this would be within the Board's purview, and Dr. Walsh-Condon confirmed that these regulations fall under the purview of the Board.

Ms. Eagan asked if some of the definitions in the current iteration of the tobacco regulation are what the author of the correspondence is hoping might be changed. Director Foley confirmed this is accurate.

7. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; April 10, 2025 at 165 Scituate St

Dr. Rice motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 165 Scituate St on April 10, 2025.

Nick Rose, owner of Rose Landscaping, was present and stated that he does not believe the photos included prove this was a violation. He also asked for clarification on how the Town

verifies the validity of these complaints. Dr. Walsh-Condon briefly described the process of receiving complaints through the Docusign form, and following up based on those reports.

Mr. Rose stated that in the photos, the leaf blowers might not have been on and reiterated that he does not believe the complaint is sufficient evidence for a citation. Dr. Walsh Condon stated that the signature required on each Docusign report is part of the verification that the report is accurate, per Town Counsel's interpretation.

Attorney Cunningham stated that the Board of Health is charged with the enforcement of this Bylaw and to determine if the evidence provided with the complaint is sufficient. He clarified that the content of the Bylaw is not up for debate at this time.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Rice. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to uphold the citation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

8. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; April 14, 2025 at 51-53 Warren St

Ms. Eagan motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Walsh-Condon. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 51-53 Warren St on April 14, 2025.

Dr. Walsh-Condon asked Mr. Rose whether he changes what machinery he uses based on each city or town's regulations. Mr. Rose confirmed that he does and that he has been using electric leaf blowers since the spring. Dr. Walsh-Condon stated that the photos with this complaint are just of the Rose Landscaping truck. Attorney Cunningham reiterated that at this time the Board just needs to decide if there is evidence to uphold the citation before them.

Ms. Eagan motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Rice. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to accept the appeal and dismiss the violation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

9. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; April 16, 2025 at 56 Dow Ave

Ms. Eagan motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Walsh-Condon. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 56 Dow Ave on April 16, 2025. Director Foley stated there were no submitted pictures included with this complaint.

Dr. Walsh-Condon asked Mr. Rose to confirm what kind of leaf blowers his crew was using in Arlington as of the date of this violation, and Mr. Rose confirmed they were using electric leaf blowers.

Dr. Rice motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to accept the appeal and dismiss the citation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Ms. Eagan, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

10. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; April 16, 2025 at 232 Mystic St

Ms. Eagan motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Rice. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 232 Mystic St on April 16, 2025. Director Foley stated there were no submitted pictures included with this complaint.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Ms. Eagan motioned to accept the appeal and dismiss the violation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Ms. Eagan, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

11. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; April 18, 2025 at 34 Winter St

Dr. Rice motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 34 Winter St on April 18, 2025.

Mr. Rose was notified that there was a photo including a gas powered leaf blower with this complaint and Mr. Rose stated that the photo does not prove the machine was on or in use.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to uphold the citation. 2nd by Ms. Eagan.

1. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye
2. Ms. Eagan, Aye
3. Dr. Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

12. Hearing: Noise Abatement Bylaw Citation Appeal: Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC.; June 3, 2025 at 66 Hutchinson Rd

Ms. Eagan motioned to open the hearing. 2nd by Dr. Rice. All in favor.

Director Foley introduced the complaint and citation issued to Rose Landscaping and Construction LLC based on events at 66 Hutchinson Rd on June 3, 2025.

Mr. Rose was notified that there was a photo including a gas powered leaf blower with this complaint and Mr. Rose stated that the photo does not prove the machine was on or in use.

Dr. Walsh-Condon motioned to close the hearing. 2nd by Ms. Eagan. All in favor.

Ms. Eagan motioned to uphold the citation. 2nd by Dr. Rice.

1. Ms. Eagan, Aye
2. Dr. Rice, Aye
3. Dr. Walsh-Condon, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rose asked what will happen now that some appeals were upheld and others were dismissed. Director Foley confirmed that all documentation will be examined to determine what fines are still valid and owed. Updated notices will be sent out in January.

13. Director Updates

Director Foley introduced Arlington's new regional epidemiologist, Elnaz Tahmassebi, who will be shared between Arlington, Belmont, Brookline and Newton (the Metro Public Health Collaborative). Ms. Tahmassebi then provided a brief introduction about herself.

14. Nursing Updates

Public Health Nurse Jessica Kerr reported that herself and Director Foley have been working on updating Arlington's emergency preparedness framework, and provided context on these updates to the Board.

15. Environmental Updates

Assistant Director of Public Health Charlotte Breef-Pilz reported that the Health Department is currently finishing permit renewal season for waste haulers, tobacco retailers, body art, body work, and marijuana establishments. They are also conducting required annual education presentations for tobacco retailers. She reported that a housing inspection was conducted of a unit in Watermill Place which resulted in a condemnation of the unit. Assistant Director Breef-Pilz further stated that the Health Department and the Council on Aging are working with the resident to make it habitable.

16. Restaurant Updates

Assistant Director Breef-Pilz reported that food permit renewals are finishing up, with 168 establishments renewing permits for 2026. She stated that there are three open food establishment plan reviews, including the Cambridge Center for Chinese Culture, Wicked Crispy (a ghost kitchen to open inside the Fat Greek), and Arlington Eats expanding into a marketplace at Drake Village.

17. Open Forum

No members of the public provided input during Open Forum.

18. Adjourn

Motion made by Dr. Rice to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 pm. 2nd by Ms. Eagan.

1. Dr. Rice, Aye
2. Ms. Eagan, Aye
3. Dr. Walsh Condon, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.



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Memo

To: Board of Health Members
From: Kylee Foley, Director of Public Health
Date: January 14, 2026
RE: Rabies Vaccine Exemption Request

Resident Carol Sweeney is requesting a dog licensing exemption for her dog, Roan, from the Town Clerk due to Roan's medical condition affecting his ability to get vaccinated for rabies. The resident produced a letter from a veterinarian stating the dog cannot get a rabies vaccine. According to Town's Bylaw, the Board of Health may provide an exemption in accordance with MGL C.140 s.145B (i.e., a letter from a veterinarian).

According to the [Town's Bylaw](#) (Title VIII - Public Health and Safety, Article 2 – Canine Control, Section 4 – Licensing): The Town Clerk shall not grant a license unless

- (i) the license applicant provides a veterinarian's certification or notarized letter that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies; or
- (ii) the dog is exempted from the vaccination requirement by the Town of Arlington Board of Health or the Town Clerk in accordance with [Section 145B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws](#).

MGL Chapter 140 Section 145B requires rabies vaccination for all domestic dogs, cats, and ferrets six months of age or older. Subsection (d)(i) states: "(d) A licensing authority may grant an exemption from this section for a dog, cat or ferret that: (i) the local board of health has declared exempt from the rabies vaccination requirement upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, such inoculation is considered inadvisable for a specified period of time for such reasons;"

Included with this memo please find a letter from Roan's veterinarian.

Recommendation: Approval of the exemption contingent upon the owner's submission of a veterinarian's letter certifying vaccination is inadvisable for the dog with the dog's license renewal applications.

Adams Animal Clinic
216 Cambridge Rd.
Woburn MA 01801
(781)933-3369

November 21, 2025

Kylie Foley
Board of Health
Town of Arlington
Arlington, MA

Dear Ms. Foley,

Carol Sweeney of 166 Lake Street Arlington Massachusetts has asked me to send a letter to you requesting an exemption from the Rabies Vaccination for her dog "Roan", a 14-year-old Chihuahua Terrier cross, neutered male, weighing 6.5 pounds.

Roan is a tiny little dog with a marked sensitivity to medications. He has been to Angell Memorial MSPCA Hospital in Boston many times to evaluate his gastrointestinal tract and cardiac murmur. He has often had adverse reactions to injectable medications, vaccines and the allergy medication, Cytopoint. These reactions include loss of appetite, vomiting, black tarry stools, etc.

I believe his lifestyle precludes any significant exposure to Rabies. He is mostly an indoor dog.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require elaboration.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Nugent". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Martin" and last name "Nugent" clearly legible.

Martin Nugent, DVM
Adams Animal Clinic, Inc



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Memo

To: Board of Health Members
From: Kylee Foley, Director of Public Health
Date: January 16, 2026
RE: Leaf Blower Citation Appeal Hearings – John's Landscape Service Inc.

John's Landscape Service Inc. requested appeal hearings for citations issued by the Health Department in response to leaf blower complaints about the company. The appeal hearings are for the following incidents:

1. November 6, 2025 at 167 Crosby St
2. November 15, 2025 at 29 Mass Ave
3. November 15, 2025 at 26-30 Russell Pl

The Town's [Noise Abatement Bylaw Title V, Article 12, Section 3 \(D\)\(2\)\(b\)](#) states:

As of March, 15, 2025, all use of all gas powered leaf blowers by commercial landscape companies and the Town shall be prohibited, but for the following exemptions:

- (i) The Town may use wheeled leaf blowers powered by four- stroke engines for the purposes of clearing the Minuteman Bikeway and other municipal property of an acre or more;
- (ii) The Town may use gas powered leaf blowers under emergency conditions.

The Town's [Noise Abatement Bylaw Title V, Article 12, Section 3 \(D\)\(2\)\(g\)](#) states:

Following the transition periods set forth in 2(a) and 2(d) of this section, electric powered leaf blowers may be operated by all users at the following times during the full calendar year:

Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 6 pm;
Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays, 8 am – 4 pm.

The Town's [Noise Abatement Bylaw Title V, Article 12, Section 3 \(D\)\(6\)](#) states:

Violations may be reported by any person who observes a gas powered leaf blower in use in the Town, in violation of this bylaw, with appropriate evidence to support the claim.

Witnesses to violations of this bylaw may submit a complaint to the Board of Health that must include:

- (i) The name of the commercial landscaper or resident alleged to have violated this bylaw;
- (ii) The location of the alleged violation;
- (iii) The date and time of the alleged violation;
- (iv) Any additional identifying information regarding the use of the gas powered leaf blower.

All complaints must be submitted within seven days of the alleged violation. All complaints must be signed by the complainant before an investigation can be initiated. Photographic and recorded evidence in support of the complaint is permitted, but not required.

Included in this packet, please find the citations issued and the complaints received for these incidents.



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Leaf Blower Complaint Form

Complainant Information

Name: James

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address: jmurray0123@aol.com

Complaint Information

Name and Phone Number of Leaf Blower Operator: Johns Landscaping #781-646-5555

Location of Alleged Violation: 167 Crosby St
(Please list complete address)

Property Owner Where Alleged Violation Occurred (if known): Marilyn and Richard Sullivan

Date and Time of Violation: 1:30pm- 2pm

Include any additional details, including any identifying information, if applicable.

They were using two gas powered leaf blowers and a gas powered leaf sucker

Upload Photos

Please upload any photos or video of the alleged violation here.



By signing below, I hereby attest that I personally observed the alleged violation described above, and that the information contained in this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by:
Signature: 
DF7C2EE9DCE1496...

Date: 11/6/2025

Note: all complaints must be submitted within seven (7) days of the alleged violation.









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December 2, 2025

Sent via Certified Mail (Tracking Number: 9589 0710 5270 2108 8327 26)

John's Landscape Service, Inc.

2 Garden St

Arlington, MA 02474

Re: Notification of Violation: 167 Crosby St, Arlington, MA 02474
Operation of Gas Powered Leaf Blower – John's Landscape Service, Inc.

To Whom This May Concern:

On November 6, 2025 the Arlington Health Department was notified of the above company operating a gas powered leaf blower on November 6, 2025 at approximately 1:30PM on the property of 167 Crosby St. The operation of a gas powered leaf blower by a commercial business is in violation of the Town of Arlington Bylaws, Title V, Article 12: Noise Abatement. This Bylaw prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers by commercial operators as of March 15, 2025.

As this is John's Landscape Service Inc.'s 5th violation of the calendar year, John's Landscape Service, Inc. is hereby issued a fine in the amount of \$200 for this cited violation. Enclosed with this letter please find an educational document outlining the Bylaw.

Please see the summary of enforcement for commercial operators below:

| Enforcement by Calendar year | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1st Violation | Written warning and education provided to both resident and commercial landscaper |
| 2nd Violation | \$100 fine to both resident and commercial landscaper |
| Subsequent Violations | \$200 fine to both resident and commercial landscaper |

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For a complete version of the Bylaw please visit: www.tinyurl.com/ArlingtonLeafBlower

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Braga'.

Emma Braga
Health Compliance Officer
ebraga@town.arlington.ma.us
(781) 316-3170



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Leaf Blower Complaint Form

Complainant Information

Name: Kevin Groves

Address: 37 Henderson St

Phone Number: 617-605-5469

Email Address: klgroves@gmail.com

Complaint Information

Name and Phone Number of Leaf Blower Operator: John's Landscape Service

Location of Alleged Violation: 29 Mass Ave (rear parking lot)

(Please list complete address)

Property Owner Where Alleged Violation Occurred (if known):

Date and Time of Violation: Saturday, 11-15-25, 8:00 am

Include any additional details, including any identifying information, if applicable.

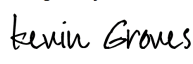
A commercial landscaping crew of three were operating three leaf blowers, two powered by gasoline and one electric, in the parking lot in the back of 29 Mass Ave behind the Assembly Sports Club on Saturday morning, Nov 15, just before 8 am. Pictures attached. Video can be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I8tA_-xUf2atNcju9XozU-grcZKWaHco/view?usp=sharing

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Please upload any photos or video of the alleged violation here.



By signing below, I hereby attest that I personally observed the alleged violation described above, and that the information contained in this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by:
Signature: 
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Date: 11/15/2025

Note: all complaints must be submitted within seven (7) days of the alleged violation.









John's
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INC.
781-646-5555 | www.johnslandscape.com





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December 2, 2025

Sent via Certified Mail (Tracking Number: 9589 0710 5270 2108 8327 19)

John's Landscape Service, Inc.

2 Garden St

Arlington, MA 02474

Re: Notification of Violation: 29 Mass Ave, Arlington, MA 02474
Operation of Gas Powered Leaf Blower – John's Landscape Service, Inc.

To Whom This May Concern:

On November 15, 2025 the Arlington Health Department was notified of the above company operating a gas powered leaf blower on November 15, 2025 at approximately 8:00AM on the property of 29 Mass Ave. The operation of a gas powered leaf blower by a commercial business is in violation of the Town of Arlington Bylaws, Title V, Article 12: Noise Abatement. This Bylaw prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers by commercial operators as of March 15, 2025.

As this is John's Landscape Service Inc.'s 6th violation of the calendar year, John's Landscape Service, Inc. is hereby issued a fine in the amount of \$200 for this cited violation. Enclosed with this letter please find an educational document outlining the Bylaw.

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Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Leaf Blower Complaint Form

Complainant Information

Name: Rebecca Brenneis

Address: 18 Russell Pl Arlington MA 02474

Phone Number: 703 231 7102

Email Address: Beccabrenneis@gmail.com

Complaint Information

Name and Phone Number of Leaf Blower Operator: John's landscaping service inc 781 646 5555

Location of Alleged Violation: 26 , 28, 30 Russell Pl Arlington MA 02474

(Please list complete address)

Property Owner Where Alleged Violation Occurred (if known): Russell Pl condo HOA

Date and Time of Violation: 8:47 am November 15 2025

Include any additional details, including any identifying information, if applicable.

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By signing below, I hereby attest that I personally observed the alleged violation described above, and that the information contained in this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by:
Signature: 
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Date: 11/15/2025

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December 2, 2025

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John's Landscape Service Inc.

2 Garden St

Arlington, MA 02474

Re: Notification of Violation: 26-30 Russell Place, Arlington, MA 02474
Operation of Gas Powered Leaf Blower – John's Landscape Service, Inc.

To Whom This May Concern:

On November 15, 2025 the Arlington Health Department was notified of the above company operating a gas powered leaf blower on November 15, 2025 at approximately 8:47AM on the property of 26-30 Russell Place. The operation of a gas powered leaf blower by a commercial business is in violation of the Town of Arlington Bylaws, Title V, Article 12: Noise Abatement. This Bylaw prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers by commercial operators as of March 15, 2025.

As this is John's Landscape Service Inc.'s 7th violation of the calendar year, John's Landscape Service, Inc. is hereby issued a fine in the amount of \$200 for this cited violation. Enclosed with this letter please find an educational document outlining the Bylaw.

Please see the summary of enforcement for commercial operators below:

| Enforcement by Calendar year | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1st Violation | Written warning and education provided to both resident and commercial landscaper |
| 2nd Violation | \$100 fine to both resident and commercial landscaper |
| Subsequent Violations | \$200 fine to both resident and commercial landscaper |

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For a complete version of the Bylaw please visit: www.tinyurl.com/ArlingtonLeafBlower

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Braga'.

Emma Braga
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