

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
November 29, 2018

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Chairman Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes and Michael Silvia. Also present: Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent and Amanda Blais, Administrative Assistant.

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Before the Board:

Chairman DeTerra asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the food permit application for Sushi by Jay. The application had been reviewed back in May, however the establishment hadn't opened until the present month. Ms. Lopes questioned the location of the supervisor being in New Jersey; does the supervisor intend to move to accompany the establishment? The Health Agent stated the supervisor has changed since the application was originally completed. The Health Agent asked the Board if the department was allowed to permit the establishment for 2019 based on the original application or would the establishment be required to complete a new application for 2019 since they have just opened. The Board agreed the establishment could be permitted for 2019 based on the original application that had been submitted.

The Board reviewed proposed septic plans for Fir Street – Lots 317, 319 and 321. Mr. Silvia asked if the plans were designed for a preexisting home. Chairman DeTerra responded the owners are upgrading the system. Motion to approve the septic plans for Fir Street – Lots 317, 319 and 321 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia; abstained by Chairman DeTerra. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed septic repair plans for 345 New Boston Road. Chairman DeTerra explained this is a new type of system and asked engineer Mark Roderigues to further explain. Mr. Roderigues explained this is a drip system that is quite unique; it is a secondary treatment system unit with three compartments. Mr. Roderigues explained the design of the unit and how it operates. He stated there is routine pumping on the first compartment. Chairman DeTerra expressed there would be buoyance and rubber boot issues with Title V; the system did not seem structurally sound. Ms. Lopes stated if the engineer did not accept the Chairman's recommendation, the homeowner would have to take full responsibility if the system did not operate properly. Mr. Roderigues accepted the Chairman's comment in order to meet Title V regulations, agreeing to design plans that outlined a new, monolithic tank and ensuring the buoyance issue would be addressed. Motion to approve the septic plan with the condition of a new septic tank to be installed and documentation received from the Registry of Deeds was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia; abstained by Chairman DeTerra. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed as-built plans for 2 Tecumseh Avenue. Chairman DeTerra stated this type of plan is general knowledge and the engineer stamp ensures approval.

The Board reviewed the draft version of the tobacco regulations. The Health Agent explained that everything highlighted in yellow were the changes added to the regulations; the tobacco age requirement is now 21. The Health Agent also mentioned the School Department called to request a

tobacco and vaping cessation program for students. The Board agreed to incorporate the public hearing to discuss the tobacco regulations with the regular meeting on December 13, 2018.

The Health Agent asked the Board if establishments were required to have a food permit if they were applying for a tobacco permit. Ms. Lopes directed the Health Agent to contact Sheryl Sbatta.

Public Hearing:

None.

Health Agent's Report:

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board of current food establishment inspections, explaining the colors located on the side of the names of the establishments represent risk level. The Board reviewed the updated list. The Health Agent informed the Board of the updated State Food Code. Motion to follow the updated State Food Code was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of an establishment complaint. Upon further inspection, the complainant stated there was a thin piece of wood in their food item; wood or any item similar to wood was not seen on site.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board on the NACCHO grant she recently received. The Health Agent has been paired with Fairfax, VA for the mentorship program. Ms. Lopes questioned if travel were involved and the Health Agent responded she would need to further investigate if she is required to travel to Virginia or if her mentor would travel to Fairhaven. Dial-in sessions, however, are the major part of the mentorship program.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of new forms she had printed. The Health Agent worked with Fall River Modern Printing to update all food inspection forms and reports.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the new mattress recycling grant she received. MA DEP awarded the Health Agent with about \$28,000 towards mattress recovery and about \$7,500 towards transportation.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board regarding the MA DEP Recycle Round Table event that Recycle Team Member Whitney McClees attended. The Health Agent explained that DEP loved our recycle program and how the program was executed, as well as felt Ms. McClees was very informative with her presentation. The Health Agent mentioned that there is still grant funds available in the budget and asked the Board if the recycle team could come back to perform spot checks on recycle carts. Mr. Silvia commented that he would feel more comfortable if this was put on the upcoming FY budget.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg requested permission from the Board to attend the 5th Annual BSAS Statewide Prevention Conference on December 3rd. The Health Agent explained the conference is in regards to youth access to drugs and alcohol. Motion to grant the Health Agent permission to attend the conference on December 3, 2018 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of a Norovirus webinar she will be attending on December 14th.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board that Martha from the School Department would like to do a Public Service Announcement with students regarding recycling; students would educate others their age on what items should be recycled. The Fairhaven Housing Authority also asked the Health Agent for guidance, as their residents have been struggling with the new initiative.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of items the department is in need of that such as uniforms, a printer and a new desk for the administrative assistant. The Board asked to go over the budget before these items are purchased.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg asked the Board for guidance regarding CPR training for food establishments. M.S. Consulting, which is the company owned by Recycle Coordinator Daniel C. Shea, would offer CPR training to food establishments in need of the certification in order to receive their 2019 food permit. The Board suggested seeking conflict of interest through Human Resources. Motion for the Health Agent to consult with Human Resources as to the best means of making the program move forward was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Ms. Lopes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board that she has spoken to the bars, food establishments and inns in Town and they are all in agreement with signing up with the New Bedford Opioid Task Force regarding Narcan training.

Invoices/Other Business:

The next Board meeting will be December 13, 2018.

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Lopes made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant