

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
May 23, 2019

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Chairwoman Jeannine Lopes, Michael Silvia and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent.

Before the Board:

Chairwoman Lopes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Kelly, owner of Dough Fairhaven, appeared before the Board regarding plan approval for her proposed food establishment. The Health Agent stated the plan review had been completed, however colored scoops for each dough flavor variety is required; permit application had been completed and remaining fees are to be paid; asked if plumbing inspection has been performed. Ms. Kelly informed the Board the grease trap had been installed and the plumbing inspector is to perform the final inspection next week once sinks have been installed. The Health Agent mentioned once the plumbing inspector performs the final inspection and permission is given, an opening inspection can be done; the Board will then sign off on the food permit. Chairwoman Lopes asked if the red allergen scoops had been delivered yet and Ms. Kelly responded they had and four were ordered. Motion to approve the plan review and food establishment permit for Dough Fairhaven located at 48 Main Street was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed an amended animal permit for Shelley Moniz of 29 Charity Stevens Lane. Chairwoman Lopes abstained from the discussion and vote due to personal relations with the applicant. The Health Agent informed the Board the applicant was amending her current animal permit to include one goat. Motion to approve the amended animal permit for 29 Charity Stevens Lane was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra; one abstain by Chairwoman Lopes. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed both food and tobacco permit applications for Scuttlebutts Liquors located at 407 Main Street. The Health Agent informed the Board the establishment has been bought out by a new owner. Motion to approve both food and tobacco permits for Scuttlebutts Liquors was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a food permit application for Jay's Wine and Spirits located at 1 People's Way (previously Douglas Wine and Spirits). The Health Agent informed the Board the establishment has also been bought out by a new owner. Motion to approve a food permit for Jay's Wine and Spirits was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Title V inspection report for 37 Nelson Avenue. The Health Agent informed the Board the inspection had passed. Motion to approve the Title V inspection report for 37 Nelson Avenue was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the medical plan regarding Challenger Sports recreation camp. The Health Agent informed the Board that the medical staff needs to be approved by the Board in order to move forward

with the permitting process. Motion to approve the medical plan for Challenger Sports was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:

None.

Health Agent's Report:

Ms. Freire-Kellogg discussed the Final Straw, which is currently on hold until the change with the recycling department has been made. There are still MA DEP grants available to apply for in order to purchase bags and possibly straws, however the Health Agent is still not a fan of implementing a bag ban in Town. Chairwoman Lopes asked if the recyclable puck program is still a thought and the Health Agent stated she was not sure if the pucks are 100% recyclable, therefore more research needs to be conducted.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board the department has passed Retail Food Standards 3 and 7. The Health Agent is in the process of completing the audit for the self-assessment in order to receive \$2,500.00. This money will be used to purchase an iPad that will be utilized on all food inspections.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the rain barrel program that was co-sponsored with the Freetown Health Department. There were 21 barrels and 15 spouts that were purchased. The Health Agent distributed the orders at the Department of Public Works. The program should be offered again come the Fall.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the paper shred day that will be co-sponsored with the Fairhaven Rotary Club to be held on Saturday, June 22nd from 9a.m. until 12p.m. noon. The event will be held in the Emma Jean's parking lot. All of the Greater New Bedford area is welcome to participate.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the new sunscreen program offered through Impact Melanoma. The Health Agent demonstrated how to use the dispenser. The Department of Public Works is to install each dispenser under existing beach signs. The Health Department has been given free sunscreen for two years. The dispensers will be located around Town at all parks, beaches, boat ramps and bike paths.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the safe boating information event that she will participate in on Saturday, May 25th. The Health Department table will include information such as safety on grilling, cooking, proper food temperatures and vomiting over the side of a boat.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board regarding the mattress recycling grant. The container is located at the Department of Public Works building and it will cost residents \$20.00 per mattress for disposal. A public service announcement is still to come that will explain all details.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg introduced the departments' new summer intern, Ms. Eva Litchfield. Ms. Litchfield is studying for her Master's degree in Public Health and is attending Benedictine University. Mr. Silvia asked what Ms. Litchfield will be doing throughout her internship and the Health Agent stated she will shadow the Health Agent and attend all meetings, trainings and inspections whenever possible. Ms. Litchfield further explained that it is a requirement of her internship to complete a project, which will entail creating preventative measures regarding heat related illness among the elderly population.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg discussed tobacco cessation with the Board, mentioning that there are free patches available through MA Department of Public Health. A press release has been published with additional information and the website that will lead to the free patches. There is also information on the website regarding vaping and how parents and teachers can talk to children and students on the topic. The Health Agent also informed the Board that she is working on a shadow project with a Fairhaven High School student to see if public health is the area they wish to further study when they attend college.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the Homecoming Day event is approaching and she would like the Board to confirm whether or not there will be a fee for permits. Mr. Silvia stated that all food vendors will have to complete the temporary food permit application, with past practice being that the permit fee is waived. Motion to approve the waiver of permit fees for the Homecoming Day event was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg discussed beach water testing. The Health Agent informed the Board that the State of Massachusetts pays for five beaches to have their beach water tested, not including private beaches. Mr. DeTerra asked how much it costs for each test to be done for a private beach and the Health Agent responded \$20.00 per test plus an additional \$20.00 per each retest if the initial test fails. The Health Agent read the state regulations aloud. Mr. DeTerra mentioned private beach associations will not pay to have their water tested. Chairwoman Lopes asked which beaches have their water tested and the Health Agent replied that Fort Phoenix, West Island, Pope Beach, Causeway Road and Seaview Avenue all receive testing. Chairwoman Lopes suggested the Health Agent send each private association a copy of the regulations, along with a letter stating beach water will only be tested if the seasonal fee is paid. Chairwoman Lopes stated the Board of Health does not have the authority to test private beaches. Mr. Silvia stated that some sort of contract should be formed between each private association. Resident Michael Ristuccia asked the Board if he could comment on the discussion. The Board allowed. Mr. Ristuccia mentioned that, even though a beach is private, not testing the water is still a public health matter. The Health Agent responded that this will open the door for other private beaches to say they want their water to be tested. Mr. DeTerra commented that the department tests on a case by case basis and has been doing this for at least twenty years. Chairwoman Lopes stated there is an issue if the State regulations are not followed; the Health Agent is to send information to private beaches and see if feedback is given; asked if the other Board members were in agreement. Mr. Silvia replied that he was in agreement, whereas Mr. DeTerra replied that he was not.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg discussed the drafted MOU between the Board of Public Works and the Board of Health regarding the responsibilities each Board will take once the shift in recycling has been made. Mr. Silvia mentioned he would like to drop the highlighted text regarding the Board of Health's responsibility. Mr. Silvia stated the text is too vague. Chairwoman Lopes asked for the phrase "reviewed annually" to be changed to reflect "date signed". Resident Michael Ristuccia commented as he mentioned the BPW voted to accept clerical and accounting procedures, not necessarily to take over dealing with residents and complaints. Mr. DeTerra stated he agreed with Mr. Silvia and would also like the highlighted text to be removed, as the BPW agreed to take over all responsibilities. Chairwoman Lopes stated that a meeting is to be held between BPW and BOH to sign an official MOU.

Invoices/Other Business:

The next Board meeting will be June 27, 2019.

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Silvia made a motion to adjourn and was seconded

by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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