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Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2019

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Vice Chair; Stephen M. Fiore, Esq., Member; Wesley B. Chin, Health Director; Diana Ekman, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Ms. Shun Yunying Li, Owner of Sweet Heart Ice Cream, who was on the Agenda, was not present at the Meeting.

Ms. Paula Silverman, MA Tobacco Control Program Coordinator, who was on the Agenda, was not present at the Meeting.

The December 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

Tropical Diner, Variance Request requiring an External Grease Interceptor: Wesley Chin explained to the Board there is no room to install an external grease trap at this location at 628 Trapelo Road. Board members asked about amending current regulations to include a requirement to use an enzyme trap.

The Board approved the Variance Request, External Grease Interceptor for Tropical Diner at 628 Trapelo Road by a vote of 3-0.

The Off Leash Permit program was briefly discussed. Dog assessments will have to wait until John Maguranis returns from leave.

The Board approved the Off Leash Permit Program for 2019 by a vote of 3-0.

The Board voted 3-0 to deputize Ms. Paula Silverman as an Agent of the Belmont Health Department during her tenure as the MA Tobacco Control Program Coordinator.

A summary of the discussion concerning adopting regulations restricting the sale of drug paraphernalia follows:

- Wesley said that D.J. Wilson, Tobacco Control Director and Public Health Liaison for the MA Municipal Association previously thought this should be a police matter, but legalization of marijuana has changed this.
- The Town of Arlington incorporated the regulation restricting the sale of drug paraphernalia into Adult-Use Marijuana Regulations. The Cities of Somerville and Lawrence generated stand-alone regulations. Establishments may argue a hookah is not for drug use, but for religious use. Mr. Fiore said MGL doesn't define for what purpose a hookah is used.
- Draft regulations will be reviewed at the next Board of Health meeting.

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A summary of the topic concerning fracked gas infrastructure follows:

- Ms. Julie Lemay recused herself from the discussion and left the meeting room.
- Wesley provided a brief history of Dr. T. Stephen Jones partnering with the Sierra Club to petition the Governor to require independent health assessment prior to gas infrastructure project. This initiative includes asking Boards of Health in Massachusetts to endorse a letter to the Governor requiring the assessment.
- Ms. David and Mr. Fiore were not ready to endorse the letter on behalf of the Belmont Board of Health. The matter was tabled for a future date.
- Ms. Lemay rejoined the meeting.

The Receipts report was reviewed.

The Director's report was reviewed with the following topics discussed:

- El Centro inspections continue to reveal critical violations. Wesley reported the professional food consultant has not been around due to illness. Board members agreed the Order dated October 19, 2018 must be extended. Additionally, if El Centro does not show marked improvement they will need to attend another scheduled Hearing.
- The Belmont High School cafeteria repairs were completed by the Facilities Department.
- A suspect food borne illness was reported. There was no evidence during the inspection at Moozy's.
- Tony G's has closed. The owner's propose a new food establishment at the same location, serving Thai noodles.
- The Belmont Food Pantry has completed its move to their new location at Town Hall. Employees are concerned about rodents and have asked for a notice to be sent to all employees to discourage food being kept at individual desks.
- The housing cases were updated, noting Case # 1 is most motivated, Case #2 will begin the next steps, Case #3 may feel enough was done to satisfy the Town's requirement, and Case #4 continues to make great progress.
- The first Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>. Wes reported there is no budget for programming. Mr. Fiore added this is not the way a new program should begin.

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The Assistant Director's report was reviewed with the following topics discussed:

- 2013 Food Code Training will be available soon for Belmont food establishments.
- Wes attended a training in Brookline to get a sense of the training format. Wes, Diana and David will attend a presentation by MEHA later in the month concerning the 2013 food code.
- The new food code impacts for Farmers Markets were discussed with Hal Shubin and Mireia Carpio.
- Spice Delight received their final approval to operate in mid-January.
- A housing case with a number of issues including heat, hot water, cross-metering and the need for a lead determination.

The Disease and Nurse's reports were reviewed.

The Youth and Family Services report was reviewed.

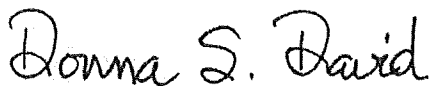
There was a brief discussion about a few of the Complaints:

- A dog walker's concern for the well-being of a client
- Coyote/dog incident.
- Trash falling on to a parking space at a popular establishment.
- Services animals vs. emotional support animals.
- Pot smoke on Concord Avenue.

The next Board of Health meetings will be held February 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm and Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna S. David, Chair