

DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
November 8, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Leanne Jasset, B.S.P., RPH Chairperson
Kathy Reda, RN., BSN
Patty Roberts, RN
Catherine Cardinale, Health Director
Fior Griffin, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Board Meeting:

- 1) The minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting were accepted. No questions, corrections or deletions made.

5:40 New Business

1. Michael Cocchi was in the audience. He did not have any issues to address.
2. Complaint book review
 - a. The Health Department is in the process of creating a new complaint sheet to put into the complaint book. Kris McMillan has reviewed and followed-up on all prior months complaints. All issues have been addressed and resolved.
3. Cathy Cardinale has also suggested we begin using a Visitor log book. We will look into creating/purchasing one.
4. The Board welcomed the new Health Department administrator – Fior Griffin.
5. Regulation for retail prepackaged food – Food Code Changes
 - a. The Health Department is preparing to adapt to the newly instituted 2013 Food Code. Cathy Cardinale is working with the NC7 group to secure grants for training.
 - b. The difficulty with the new Food Code is that the requirements to grant a new permit will become more labor intensive on the part of the inspectors.
 - c. The new food code **would not** require establishments that sell only pre-packaged food to obtain a permit. Many communities are considering amending the regulation by making a local regulation, stating that **any** food, including prepackaged food, sold in an establishment **would** require that the establishment obtain a permit from their local Health Department.
 - d. Local regulations can be stricter than federal regulations but cannot be less strict.

- e. This amendment would not change our current process, as all establishments with prepackaged food are currently required to have permits.
 - f. When the new food code comes out, Cathy Cardinale plans to do a lot of training with the inspectors and various establishments so that they understand the new regulations.
6. There was an electrical downtime in Dedham Square on Sunday November 11, 2018. It was originally planned for Thursday November 8th but Cathy Cardinale asked for it to be pushed back to midnight Sunday November 11th in an effort to give time to the business owners so that they could plan appropriately. The electrical downtime ended at 6am Monday November 12th, 2018.

5:43 Director's Report

1. Ms. Cardinale has applied for grants to be used to train staff on the changes in the food code.
2. Flu clinics
 - a. Clinic on October 17th went well.
 - b. Jessica Tracy, Health Nurse, had to re-order vaccines 2x
 - c. No one has been turned away.
 - d. Jessica Tracy is currently processing the billing for the flu shots.
3. MHOA Conference
 - a. This year's MHOA Conference will be Wed Nov 13th- Friday Nov 16th at the Seacrest hotel in Cape Cod, MA. Kris McMillan, Leontia Flanagan and Cathy Cardinale will be attending.
 - b. They plan to attend training on bed bug inspections and the food code change, among other things.
4. Horse Thieves
 - a. We are still waiting for Horse Thieves to open.
 - b. Cathy met with the store's manager, Michelle Kousidis, to review the steps and process with her.
5. Grateful Dedham Diner
 - a. They will be taking over the D'Angelo's location
 - b. John Fortin, the owner, is planning to open December 1st
 - c. They plan to serve breakfast and lunch during the week and just breakfast on the weekends. They will have seating for 66 people.
6. Massimo @ Legacy
 - a. They plan to open the middle of December
7. Hazardous Waste update
 - a. The Household Hazardous Waste day went well. Last year, the Health Department spent more than budgeted. This year they used a new vendor. The vendor was ACV Enviro/Clean Venture, Inc. The Health department plans to use them again next year.
8. DFC position posted
 - a. Many applications for the position have been received.
9. Abandoned property
 - a. Cathy Cardinale is working with the Attorney General's office and Ken Cimeno (Dedham Building Commissioner) to address the issue of abandoned properties in Dedham.

- b. There are a list of properties properties that are being addressed. Some locations are at Lancaster Rd, Scarfied, and Harding Terrace.

10. Water test update (24 min mark)

- a. Ms. Cardinale said that because the facility is so old, Recycling Solutions has done some die testing, power washing and investigating into the system and pipes to see if and where there may be a leak. They are still trying to identify the problem that is causing the elevated E.coli levels.
- b. Ms. Cardinale handed new test results to the Board. Three new tests were performed and showed improvement. The amount of E.coli in the water was down.
- c. G&L Laboratories performed the water tests. G&L was hired by the town (Woodard & Curran) and not the Board of Health.
- d. Leanne Jasset, Chairperson, would like to know what an acceptable norm is. for E.coli levels. She asked to have G& L laboratories interpret the test results.

11. Mother Brooks is having a PhotoVoice display on Thursday November 15th.

- a. The PhotoVoice Project is a research project focused on a community issue related to a public health, wellness or social justice. This summer, high school students from Dedham, Needham, Norwood, and Westwood took over 250 photos illustrating their perspectives of and experiences related to alcohol and other drug use in their towns. These pictures are being displayed at the Mother Brooks Art Center.

6:04 Inspector's Report

1. Tahiti's restaurant

- a. Is it closed or not? As far as the Health Department is aware, they are open.

6:07 Motion to accept the minutes from the October 11th Board meeting

Motion accepted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:10



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