DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

August 10th, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jason Brogan MS, CISSP, Chairperson Colin Parker Hooters

Dr. J Stephen Camer MD Vice Chairperson Michael Cocchi MD 188 Walnut St

Leanne Jasset, B.S.P., RPH, Member Allison Staton 30 Woodleigh Rd

Catherine Cardinale, Health Director Jean Zeiler 59 Woodleigh Rd

Renee Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 7:04

Minutes Approved at 7:05

New Business: Colin Parker from Hooters 7:06

(Open Discussion)

# Catherine Cardinale, First order of Business:

# Mrs. Cardinale informs the board that Hooter’s during a “Friends and Family” soft opening brought a Clydesdale horse into the restaurant, knowingly disregarding a prior conversation with Mrs. Cardinale where she advised him that it was against policy. Cathy Cardinale found out about the horse in the restaurant by a picture posted to social media

# Colin Parker Hooters rep; employed by the company 5 years as regional manager and three years in corporate, states that “there are no excuses for what he allowed to happen and that he exhibited a lack of judgement. He feels as though he has strained the relationship with the board and realizes w/out ambiguity it was wrong. Management was disappointed with his actions.

1. The Board of Health Decides to move that they find that he did violate food code, and was held in abeyance. Pending critical violations (operating w/out hot water/electricity/sewer, etc.)
2. Questions and Comments from attendees:

Allison Staton resident of Dedham: “Is this common, thing, that Horses brought into restaurants? Does this happen in other communities”?

Colin Parker “I’m only responsible for my actions in the town of Dedham, does it happen in other communities? Absolutely,

Après ski parties, food concourses, stadiums, Killington…, I certainly didn’t have to write these guys a check and say “hey man can you bring him in, they do it all the time.

Allison Staton “So this is part of the Playbook”?

Colin Parker Hooters: “ These guys go all over the country and they do a lot of things, the horses are somewhat domesticated, I don’t know if it’s right or wrong for a horse to be domesticated, but we had a police officer there too, and at no time was there a safety issue”. Could of something spooked the animals? Certainly and we are lucky that, that is not what we are here for, and If you look it up, I’m sure you would find that it happens probably more than we are aware”.

Allison Staton:” I was at the Board of Selectman meeting when the special license was issued, and there was no mention of a horse being brought into the restaurant, so it was never said to the Board of Selectman that you would bring a horse in, so the Board of Selectman gave you that special license without full information, and apparently you were directly asking somebody who said “no don’t do it” and I cannot reiterate enough, what chairwoman said, that it is incredibly disrespectful to us as a community”.

Catherine Cardinale: Let me jump in, it wasn’t a direct question to me, it was a conversation we had, and he was talking to me about bringing the horse into the restaurant and how they’ve done it in other stores, and my comment to him was that would be totally unacceptable in Dedham don’t do it”.

Allison Staton “ And I just want to say thank you, I’m incredibly appreciative that our community thinks its inappropriate to bring large animals into restaurants, and I thank you very much, for having that rule and I thank you very much for holding Hooter’s accountable.”

Colin Parker Hooters: In my recollection of the conversation, Cathy you told me that I could absolutely not do it, I volunteered that I was not going to do it, and because we had a good working relationship, it’s when the handlers showed up with NOMO the horse with no shoes on and they were more than accommodating to let me do it, I was just not thinking, and in today’s social media, this thing went around the world in a second and I should of known that I would get in trouble I did not familiarize myself with the codes, and in hindsight this is a clear violation, it’s written there on the page.

Jason Brogan: We are going to move on, any other questions.

Michael Cocchi Resident of Dedham: “How did the board of Health learn about the event that happened, with the horse coming into the restaurant?”

Catherine Cardinale: “Facebook”

Michael Cocchi: So it wasn’t volunteered…”

Catherine Cardinale: And an email from Colin after it was done”.

Michael Cocchi Resident of Dedham: “ The only other question I have is after this all transpired he went back and re- read the code or some sort of guidelines that exist, for restaurant operations, and I am wondering what is the expectation of someone whose operating a restaurant… or is the expectation that you should be familiar with the codes…”

Catherine Cardinale: Absolutely, they should all be familiar with it and are all supposed to have a copy of it.

Michael Cocchi” Is that something that would be in the codes?”

Catherine Cardinale “that they have to have it”?

Michael Cocchi “no with that, something specifically like, don’t bring large farm animals into restaurants, would that be something in the codes”?

Catherine Cardinale “I don’t think that it specifically says it that way but”.

Michael Cocchi “Any ambiguity about that is probably taken care of”

Catherine Cardinale: “Correct”

Michael Cocchi “ But that in conjunction with the other questionable thing about your certificate, does make me a little bit concerned about the level of seriousness in terms of management that is happening there”.

Jason Brogan “Any other questions or comments?”

iiv. Leanne Jasset Moves to find the licensee Dedham Wings LLC, DBA Hooter’s did violate the FDA food code of 1999 and the State Sanitary Code 105CMR 590.00 by allowing a Clydesdale horse inside the licensed premises on July 15th, 2017. And for sanction, I move that the food license issued to Dedham Wings LLC, DBA Hooter’s be suspended for a period of two days, to be served on Saturday, August 19th, and Sunday August 20th, 2017 and that the aforementioned two days be held in abeyance for a period of 12 months said suspension will be removed from the file provided that there are no further critical violation that occur within that 12months abeyance period.

Leanne Jasset calls for a 2nd and then discussion

Dr. Camer seconds

Jason Brogan Calls for discussion

Leanne Jasset explains the finding to the audience as well as Mr. Colin Parker.

Catherine Cardinale talks about the grant the Health Department received to install sunblock dispensers at Dedham, local recreation parks.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

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Jason Brogan, Chairman