TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Minute
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Board Members Present: Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD, Chairman; Ed Weiner, PhD, Vice Chairman; David McSweeney; Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN.

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Marlene Johnson, RS, Health Agent; Sylvia Musoke, RN, Supervising Nurse.

Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance:
Dr. Saltsman (Chairman) calls the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen’s Time: No one spoke

Chairman’s Report: None

Subcommittee Report: None

Variance Request

- The Chairman motion to change agenda order. Due to last minute changes in her schedule; Mrs. Vest is unable to be present at the beginning of this BOH meeting and requested to be moved to a later time on this date.

Motion: Chairman moves to alter the agenda and move first variance discussion for later. Second by all board members present and approved (4-0)

- Friendly Toast, Food Court, Burlington Mall. -Sauce out of temperature.

Present was Shawn Cassel, seeking a variance to use time as a public health control to hold hollandaise sauce out of temperature control. The Health Agent recommended to approve the variance and the Chairman made remarks about the importance of temperature control on food that contains eggs and asked Mr. Cassell to describe their protocol. Mr. Cassell described the protocol and stated that the restaurant does line checks and the sauce in question will be discarded every four hours.

Motion: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the request for a variance from the BOH on time as a public health control. Seconded by Dr. Edward Weiner who welcomes the business owner, and approved (4-0)

- Caffe Nero-external grease trap.

Present was Michael Halkiotis, requesting a variance on a grease trap. The Health Agent recommended to approve the variance with the condition that, if it is determined that the establishment is discarding grease in quantities that are
affecting sewer lines, it may be revoked, modify or suspended following notification in writing and an appearance before the BOH at a regular scheduled meeting. The Chairman commented that the menu has changed and asked Mr. Halkiotis to please explain to the public what would they be serving. Mr. Halkiotis said Cafe Nero is a traditional European coffee house offering salads and sandwiches made fresh daily and in reference to the FOG (fats, oils, grease), everything is purchased pre-cooked and prepared in advance. Mr. Halkiotis added that this is the 16th location of this business and they know the rules and will keep a log. The Vice-Chairman requested that Mr. Halkiotis please be conscientious because, due to the location of his business at the Mall, there is no other option for an external grease trap.

The Chairman welcomed Cafe Nero into town and asked when it will be open to the public. Mr. Halkiotis answered they will be open for the Christmas season.

**Motion:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the variance for Cafe Nero. Second by David McSweeney and approved (4-0)

**Staff Report:**

1. **Environmental Engineer Report:**
The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection is on Saturday, September 23rd at 41 Terrace Hall Avenue from 8:30 am to noon. The Environmental Engineer reminded the public that we do not collect latex paint because it is not toxic and can be disposed of in the regular trash. The Chairman informed the public that we have this event twice a year. If residents have latex paint they can pour it on cardboard, let it dry and put it in the trash.

The Environmental Engineer reminded the citizens on the risk of disease with west Nile virus during the months of September and October. Risk levels were upgraded from mild to moderate due to the finding of mosquitos with west Nile virus in the surrounding area. MA DPH recommends that residents wear long sleeves and pants and be indoors from dusk to dawn.

The Vice-Chairman shared with the citizens his findings about insect repellent and suggests to be mindful of their efficacy at the time of selecting the appropriate repellent. The Environmental Engineer advised the public about links on the BOH website to MA DPH and CDC websites for more information.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Environmental Engineer to please share with all the event(s) of this day when she was called on an emergency. The Environmental Engineer discussed the release of less than 10 gallons of oil on a neighborhood road after a hydraulic line fell on a truck while picking up a dumpster. He DPW sprayed some sand and the company responsible for the dumpster cleaned the area.

**Motion:** Dr. Edward Weiner moved to approve the Environmental Engineer’s report. Seconded by the Libby Walendziewicz and approved (4-0)

2. **Health Agent’s Report:**
Two tanning facilities had their annual inspection. One of those, Planet Fitness, is going to be getting new equipment that will be check on as soon as is installed.

The food handling permit renewal is underway. There are over 200 and those all expire on November 1st.

There have been two situations with service animals, one at a restaurant and one at a supermarket. The Health Agent informed the public that service animals follow a federal law and do not need to wear a vest or a distinctive tag. They are protected under the Animal Service Act and should be allowed everywhere, in fact there are only two questions permitted: 1. Is this a service animal? 2. What is the service it provides? Only in the instance that the service animal can not be kept under control by its human (taking food from a table, barking without stopping) can the owner/manager of the business ask that the animal be removed.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Health Agent the reason why the Marriot Hotel was not issued an outdoor pool permit. The Health Agent explained that there was an issue with the gate on the fence surrounding the pool but it was solved within 24 hours.
Motion: David McSweeney moved to approve the Health Agent’s report. Seconded by Libby Walendziewicz and approved (4-0)

3. Supervising Nurse Report:
The flu clinic for first responders is scheduled for this month. Dr. Saltsman asked the nurse to remind the citizens of the date of the flu clinic. The Supervising Nurse informed all that the flu clinic is going to be held on October 28th at the High School. To date, the BOH has not received any pediatric flu vaccine, but as soon as it is received; parents can make an appointment at the BOH to get their children immunized.

The Sun safety program concluded for the summer season. Supervising Nurse advised the public to continue the use of sun block throughout the year.

Board of Health has children’s vaccines and encourages parents/guardians to call and schedule an appointment if your child needs an immunization. The Supervising Nurse said that the cost of immunization is covered by the MA DPH’s “vaccines for children” program and everyone is eligible.

Hepatitis C and B are the higher prevalence disease that has been seen by the nurse in the town. The G.I. diseases were prevalent during the last month information on infectious disease is referred to the State and patients follow up with their own physicians.

The Supervisory Nurse is training on a new program: “Until Help Arrives” which consists on preparing the community to provide help until first responders arrived on a scene. The Chairman suggested that she involve Mrs. Sullivan, the High School Nurse who is also in charge of the “Medical Careers Club” to create more awareness and excitement about the program.

Motion: Dr. Edward Weiner moved to approve the Supervising Nurse’s report. Second by David McSweeney and approved (4-0)

The Chairman recognized Valerie Vest to discuss a variance on pool regulations.

- Variance on pool regulations:
Present is Mrs. Valerie Vest who is requesting a variance of the pool regulations to operate a float tank or special purpose pool establishment. The Health Agent recommended to deny the variance because the applicant has not proved that the same degree of protection required under the pool code requirements can be achieved without strict application of the requirements. The Chairman informed Mrs. Vest that the BOH would provide a letter describing the reason for variance denial.

Motion: Libby Walendziewicz moved to deny the variance for flotation tanks. Seconded by the David McSweeney and approved (4-0).

4. Director of Public Health’s Report:
The Human Services Committee invited the Board of Health to be present at the back to school nights to inform the citizens about the health programs available for the community. The BOH accepted the invitation and will be present on September 13th from 6:00-6:30 pm at both elementary schools and on Thursday, September 14th at the High School.

The hiring process for the new health agent is ongoing with 36 applicants to date. A review committee will be created to start the interview process.

Motion: Libby Waleziewicz moved to approve the Director’s report. Seconded by David McSweeney and approved (4-0).

Adjourn:
The Chairman moved to adjourn at 7:34pm. Seconded by the Vice-Chairman and approved (4-0).
Submitted by,
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