

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video**

PRESENT VIA ZOOM VIDEO

Chairperson – Vincent Forte, Jr.
Vice Chairperson - Patricia Leclair
Member: Michael Hennessey
Health Agent – Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Food & Tobacco Inspector: Robert Griffin III
Minutes Clerk: Laura Renaud via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:00.

MINUTES

Ms. Leclair made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the May 3, 2022, meeting.
Mr. Hennessey seconded, and the motion carried.

UPDATES:

The Board reviewed the current Well Regulations. Ms. Leclair requested adding a regulation stating that open wells must be covered. Agent Wilson stated the open well on Lakeview Avenue was covered. Ms. Leclair requested Ms. Wilson produce a photo for evidence of this closure. The Board requested Mr. Wilson speak with the Conservation Commission to see if he will need a notice of intent at that address if it is to be permanently closed. The Board could say this must be filled on an emergency order. Ms. Leclair stated this has gone on too long and they need proof it is covered. Going forward the Board would like all wells to be covered with fill and concrete, plywood cannot be used.

Mr. Forte asked Mr. Wilson to review the Well Regulations to make sure the distance noted is 100 feet. (Page 2 section 4)

The Board will continue to discuss amending the Well Regulations.

School Inspections

Agent Wilson updated the Board. He stated he has an appointment with Liz Bell, Food Director at the schools on June 13th to do the cafeteria inspections. She is out of state. Ms. Leclair asked why this person must be there. The inspectors should go in at random as appointments should not be made. There should not be an announcement. Each school should have a serv safe certified employee there all the time. Ms. Leclair requested Mr. Wilson to get the school kitchens as soon as possible. Ms. Bell does not need to be there. He is to get them all done and if any issues let them know so they can correct. The Board would like to add the inspections for schools be done mid-September and mid-March. Ms. Renaud will update the schedule.

Ms. Leclair made a motion that future school cafeteria inspections will be done mid-September and mid-March. Mr. Hennessey seconded, and the motion carried.

Nail Salons

Agent Wilson stated he had three nail salon inspections completed. There are approximately eight salons. He did Chez Nu, Georgia Nails and Cute Nails. Agent Wilson stated he has been doing one a week. Ms. Leclair was concerned as this is the busiest time for nail salons. She directed Mr. Wilson to get them done as soon as possible.

Public Health Nurse

Agent Wilson provided a draft contract for nursing help. The Board reviewed the contract. They requested a representative from the VNA come to a meeting. The Board felt the VNA had the most to offer with the Maven system, vaccine ordering and running clinics. Agent Wilson stated the contact person information is on the draft contract. Mr. Forte will be in touch with them to have his questions answered. Mr. Forte and Agent Wilson will obtain a price on the contract for a year.

OLD BUSINESS

Vaping Ban

Roberta Mastrogiovanni of The Smoking News was not in attendance to discuss the vaping ban. Agent Griffin stated they were waiting to hear back from Attorney Sbarra from MAHB for her comments. Agent Griffin will see when they are all available to come to a meeting. This topic will be continued to the next meeting.

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES

Attorney Kelsey Marion sitting in for Mr. Patel and BP Gas was in attendance to discuss their tobacco license. She stated they did review their application. She asked if there was anything her client can do to amend this issue. She suggested the Board can put conditions, add a one strike policy, or have the permit expire within the terms of their 5-year lease. They would be willing to do whatever the Board suggests for the five-year period. Mr. Forte stated this permit was grandfathered. An exception in this case cannot be made. They are a new entity, and they are too close to a school. Agent Griffin will issue a cease and desist.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to rescind the application for the Tobacco Permit at 1052 South Main Street as the information submitted was invalid. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

Compliance Checks

Agent Griffin updated the Board on compliance checks. Best Buds at North Main Street did sell a flavored vape product. This is their fourth violation which is cause for permanent removal of their permit. The clerk said it was his personal stash he sold at the counter. They can come to the hearing on June 7, 2022. They have been open only two weeks. There were five total sales out of nineteen completed.

Agent Griffin will issue a cease and desist to cover them until the June 7th meeting. They are also the permit holder on Pulaski Blvd. They do have 2 separate permits but the store on Pulaski Blvd. is not open yet. The Board requested that Agent Griffin ask Sara McColgan of MHAB and Town Counsel as to how this should be handled.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed and made changes to the summer meeting schedule. There will be one meeting in July on the 19th and on August 2nd and 23rd. The schedule can be adjusted as needed.

The Board reviewed the June and July employee calendar. Mr. Forte will be on call when Agent Wilson is on vacation at the end of June.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forte received a complaint from a Bellstone Drive that a neighbor is discharging water. He is clearing the land and filling it. Mr. Forte will do a visit. Tim Aicardi, Building Commissioner was notified. The water is supposedly coming from a sump pump. This subject is in civil court. She is concerned about the mosquitoes with all the pooling water. She will be invited to the June 7th meeting. Mr. Forte will have Ms. Renaud draft a letter if he feels that it is necessary after he does a site visit.

Rats

Agent Wilson has received a few complaints at different areas of town. He is advising residents to call an exterminator. The Board agreed and they will monitor this problem as they do cause disease. If it is a business, they should be able to provide the BOH with documentation they have called an exterminator.

GOALS:

Pets and Petsmart

Ms. Leclair asked Ms. Renaud to add the food regulations to the next meeting with the addition that if anything is sold that is eaten or drank (prepackaged) these entities will require a food permit. If you have animals that are not service animals, then you cannot have food. We will amend the Food Permit Regulation at the June 7th meeting. Agent Griffin will notify PetSmart they must remove all food and drink from their business. Anyplace selling food (that you eat or drink) must have a category 1 permit.

Outside Storage Tanks

Outside liquid storage tanks will continued to be discussed. The Board discussed a revolving fund or grant program. They will continue to discuss and work on a plan. Agent Wilson will reach out to the Water Pollution Abatement. Ms. Renaud will send out an email.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES:

21 Wrentham Road

Agent Wilson explained that he and Mr. Forte responded to the property. The tenant did some serious damage to the home. The police removed the tenant, and they did condemn the building. It is inhabitable. The water is shut off.

PLAN REVIEWS:

Ms. Leclair made a motion to grant a waiver for 41 Oswego Street for 3 feet of separation to groundwater where 4 feet is required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey and the motion carried.

Ms. Leclair made a motion to grant a waiver for 31 Pothier Street for 4 feet of separation to groundwater where 5 feet is required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey and the motion carried.

Ms. Leclair made a motion to grant a waiver for 30 Stockholm Street for 3 feet of separation to groundwater where 4 feet is required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey and the motion carried.

BILLS:

Ms. Leclair made a motion to approve the invoices to Amazon for a total of \$141.07. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey, and the motion carried.

Ms. Leclair made a motion to approve the invoices to WB Mason for a total of \$113.38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey, and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS:

None

BETTERMENT BILLS:

Ms. LeClair made a motion to approve the invoice to Phil's Landscaping & Excavating and 40 Scott Hill Blvd. for \$ 21,800.00 The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey, and the motion carried.

Ms. LeClair made a motion to approve the invoice to Civil Site Engineering and 6 Little Tree Lane for \$ 4,650.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hennessey, and the motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud
Minutes Clerk

Approved 6/7/22