

BOARD OF HEALTH

October 01, 2019

Minutes

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.

Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.

Vice Chairperson: Tricia Leclair

Member: Kelly McGovern

Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

MINUTES

Ms. McGovern made to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting, as submitted.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

VAPING – RECENT EVENTS

Board members discussed the recent events that have been taking place with the vaping ban.

A copy of the correspondence that was issued to all tobacco retailers regarding the Massachusetts Vaping Product Ban was provided to Board members for review. Ms. Renaud has scheduled the Tobacco Agent, Marilyn Edge and MAHB Attorney, Cheryl Sbarra to attend the next Board of Health meeting on October 15th, to discuss further.

FLU CLINIC DATES

Mr. Wilson told the Board that he has been in contact with multiple local pharmacies to try to coordinate the flu clinic date / times with the Town. He is still waiting to hear back from Wal-Mart and will be contacting CVS, as well as the Urgent Care location that just opened on Hartford Ave and the local Tri-County Medical office. Public Health Nurse, Esther Martone is also trying to obtain the flu vaccines through the State so that the services could possibly be issued directly through her. More updates to follow at the next Board of Health meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FOOD INSPECTION FINES

Board members reviewed the Food Inspection Fine Structure that was established at the previous Board of Health meeting on September 19, 2019. Ms. Leclair made a motion to accept the new Fine Structure for establishments that have 3 or more “criticals” per inspection, effective November 1, 2019.

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried. The Fine Structure was signed by Board members.

Ms. Renaud will send a letter to all establishments that require inspections and notify them of the new Fine information.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

A copy of the updated Board of Health schedule was acknowledged and reviewed by the Board.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

The Board discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since that last meeting, held on September 19, 2019.

FOOD INSPECTION REPORT WITH UPDATES

Board members reviewed the updated Food Inspector Schedule and copies of recently completed inspection reports. Food Inspector, Robert Griffin III was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the upcoming inspection list and spreadsheet that he has updated for the Board.

EEE UPDATE

Ms. Wilson updated the Board on recent EEE cases in Massachusetts. Norfolk County Mosquito is done with aerial and truck spraying for the season. Mr. Wilson told the Board that with the temperatures predicted to fall into the 30's in coming nights, the mosquito population will be naturally decreasing. Ms. McGovern suggested placing a "Code Red" notification call to let residents know the EEE threat is still at "High" in Bellingham and to remind people to protect themselves when doing outdoor activities.

BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$375.00 to Robert Griffin III for Food Inspections. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$9.95 to Laura Renaud for Certified Mail postage reimbursement. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$ 209.90 to WB Mason for copy paper. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

PLANS

758 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Board members reviewed a septic system design plan for 758 South Main Street.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade request:

- Requesting a waiver to allow 3' to groundwater from bottom of the SAS (Soil Absorption System), where 4' is required, per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h).

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

27 ELM STREET REAR

Board members reviewed a septic system design plan for 27 Elm Street Rear.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests:

- Requesting a waiver to allow the system to be constructed 12' from the cellar wall where 20' is required, per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)
- Requesting a waiver to allow the system to be installed 3' above groundwater where 4' is required.

This is acceptable under the State's innovative technologies.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leclair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 7:00 PM