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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2021

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so by using the Zoom link or phone number via computer or mobile device as posted on the meeting agenda that can be found on the Town website calendar. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Dedham website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Mary Ellard, Vice Chair
Noreen Guilfoyle, Member

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director

The following members of the public were present:

Dedham TV

Chairwoman Jasset called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from December 10, 2020, December 16, 2020, January 13, 2021, January 27, 2021, March 12, 2021, and April 7, 2021. Chairwoman Jasset made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Chair Mary Ellard seconded the motion. Chairwoman Jasset and Vice Chair Ellard voted in favor. Member Guilfoyle abstained as she was not a member of the Board of Health for the meetings.

Director's Report and General Updates:

Cryogenic Chamber Therapy Regulations: The Health Department was able to issue Fire and Ice Spa a cryogenic chamber therapy permit after the establishment was able to address its outstanding violation related to the automatic machine shut off requirement in the Board of Health's regulation. The establishment provided documentation from the manufacturer confirming that that model of the chamber has an automatic shut off at the top of the chamber. If the sensor senses a drop in oxygen that is abnormal, the treatment will cease immediately, stopping the flow of nitrogen into the chamber.

Board of Health Regulations: The Health Director stated that she would like the Board to be able to review the cryogenic chamber therapy regulations comments provided earlier today by Town Counsel, KP LAW. A brief scan of the comments indicates the need to include more thorough language, grammatical changes, and creating a more comprehensive set of regulations. The Board agreed to have this moved to the next meeting.

Board of Health General Regulations: The Director reported that she found a Board of Health General Regulation which seems to grant the Board the authority to approve a variance for any regulation enforced by the Board. This would negate the need to update regulations to include variance sections. This is relevant as the Director had updated the Private Water Supplies/Geothermal Well Regulations for this purpose to discuss and possibly vote on at this meeting. The Director shared that Town Counsel's review and comments on this regulation would be helpful. Chairwoman Jasset agreed and asked the Director to reach out for guidance.

Legacy Place: There was a large-scale power outage at Legacy Place, affecting nine food establishments. The Health Director inspected all food establishments at Legacy Place to ensure power was working, including cold-holding units necessary for proper temperature control of time/temperature control for safety (TCS) food. The Director worked with the establishments that lost power to confirm proper response mechanisms for the in place for handling TCS foods. Many establishments used refrigerated vehicles, dry ice, or move the food product to alternative locations. Any TCS foods that were not maintained within the proper temperature range in the appropriate timeframe needed to discard the food product. TCS food that was already prepared had to be discarded in many establishments. On Saturday, July 4, 2021, some of the establishments had regained power and were inspected and approved to re-open. The remainder of the establishments regained power throughout the rest of the weekend and were inspected and approved to re-open.

25 Boat House Lane: The Director stated that the property owner submitted septic plans for an alternative system on this property. A consultant is currently reviewing the plans. One outstanding item revolves around the zone in which the property is located, which is zone two as it is related to drinking water zones. This zone requires specific nitrogen removal protective measures, and the proposed system is not approved for the required nitrogen removal. The consultant reached out to the property owner for resolution but is awaiting a response. An updated plan included nitrogen removal is needed in order for the system to comply with Title 5.

COVID-19:

The Director reported that, since the start of the pandemic, Dedham has had 2,464 confirmed cases. Chairwoman Leanne Jasset stated that she encourages everybody that has not received a vaccine to please get a vaccinated.

Chairwoman Leanne Jasset made a motion to adjourn. Member Guilfoyle Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on July 7, 2021 which minutes were approved on August 19, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman