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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2020

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Kathy Reda, Vice Chair
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The following staff were present:

Bridget Sweet, Interim Health Director

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

COVID-19 General Updates

The Board met and received the following updates from Interim Health Director Bridget Sweet:

- An explanation of the new travel order, effective August 1, 2020 for persons visiting or returning to Massachusetts;
- The staff continues to follow up on complaints, questions and concerns from businesses, residents and visitors;
- A new restaurant is opening in Dedham on Thursday, August 6th – Risers Restaurant which occupies the space formerly held by Deli After Dark; and
- Continued support to the Superintendent Welch and the School Task Force as they plan for the re-opening of school in the fall.

Boch Ice Center

In response to several complaints in violation of COVID-19 youth and adult amateur sports guidelines, the Board met with Boch Ice Center owner/manager Paul Cokinos. The Board expressed its disappointment in the dangerous behavior of Boch Ice Center during the months of March and April.

As a result, the Board issued a \$300 fine, and mandated quarterly inspections to include indoor air quality, food permits and COVID19 protocols once the rink is operational. Mr. Cokinos acknowledged the violations and apologized for their behavior.

Resources

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, dedhamcovid19.com, for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts. Although Town Hall remains closed to the public, the Health Department is staffed and available to address all questions and concerns. Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact the office at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns.

Confirmed Cases

There are 425 confirmed cases in Dedham as of August 5, 2020. As a result of the recent increase in confirmed cases across the Commonwealth, the Board strongly urges residents to continue to practice social distancing, proper hygiene and the wearing of a face covering.

Madam Chair made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

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 August 5, 2020, which minutes were approved on September 28, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman