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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021

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.

The following Board of Health Members were present:

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

The following staff was present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director

Chairwoman Jasset called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from their meetings on June 17, 2020; June 24, 2020; and July 22, 2020. Vice Chairwoman Mary Ellard made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chairwoman Jasset seconded the motion. Both were in favor. Member Noreen Guilfoyle abstained as she was not on the Board during those meetings.

Meeting minutes from the September 28, 2021 Board of Health meeting were discussed. Member Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vice Chairwoman Mary Ellard seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

34 Hyde Park St- Regarding Subsurface Sewer Disposal Variance Request

Attorney Stephen David submitted variance request for the installation of a septic system at 34 Hyde Park Street. Attorney David reported that the property owner has attempted to connect the property to public sewer but was not able to get the necessary easements from neighboring properties. Director Sullivan reviewed history on the property the Board of Health's Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations. Discussion ensued about the proximity of easements to the property. Director Sullivan recommended the approval of the variance request contingent on receipt of compliance with Title 5, approved septic plans, and inspection(s) by the Health Department. Vice Chair Mary Ellard made a motion to conditionally approval of the variance request contingent on proposed septic system in compliance with Title 5 requirements and any

requirements with other Town Departments, including the Conservation Commission. Member Noreen Guilfoyle seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor unanimously.

Revision of Board of Health General Regulations

The Board received a revision of the Board of Health General Regulations and requested additional time for review.

Director's Update

The Health Department hosted Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, October 2nd at the Department of Public Works. 215 cars attended the event. In an effort to increase accessibility and involvement from the community, there will be plans to host another Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the same location.

The Department's Administrative Assistant position has been offered to Stephany Lopez Silva and she will start on Monday October 25th.

The Health Department hosted a Senior flu clinic on Thursday, October 7th at the American Legion where 65 senior residents received a flu vaccine. The public flu clinic was held on Saturday, October 16th at the Dedham Middle School and approximately 330 residents were vaccinated. Additionally, there was a Senior Wellness Fair today where 15 more residents received a flu vaccine.

Recently, pre-operational inspections were conducted, and food permits were issued to the following food establishments: Four Corners CITGO, Starbucks at the Dedham Mall, and the Learning Experience. Plan reviews are being conducted for Dedham Health and Athletic Club's proposed snack bar addition and the Norfolk & Dedham Group's office building.

66 Norwell Road

An inspection on this property was conducted today. The property owner's nephew has completed a lot of work, primarily on first, second, and third floors of the dwelling. The dwelling is large with multiple rooms, and improvements have been made, however there are areas that must be addressed. The basement of the dwelling is cluttered, and there are still holes in the ceilings and walls. The Department will continue to inspect the dwelling regularly.

295 Walnut Street

The property owners submitted a domestic animal permit application that has been reviewed by Director Sullivan. Director Sullivan requested additional information about the property plot plan. Abutter notifications must be sent out, with a 30-day timeframe for abutters to contact the Health Department with any concerns. Should any concerns arise from the abutters, a hearing will be held with the Board about the application.

Moderna and J&J Booster Update

The FDA vaccine advisory group met to discuss the recommendation of administering a booster for Moderna 6 months after receiving a completed vaccination series. The recommendation of administering a booster for the J&J vaccine 2 months after the initial dose was also discussed.

The CDC Director must endorse the recommendation before the boosters become available to the public.

Rodent Activity

Vice Chair Mary Ellard discussed concerns of rodent activity throughout the community. Director Sullivan reviewed current protocol when responding to a rodent complaint and reported that she is working with the Town's Public Information Officer to create a webpage to educate residents about signs of rodent activity and steps that can be taken to prevent rodent activity in neighborhoods.

Updated COVID-19 Statistics

As of today, October 19, 2021, there have been 2,771 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 225 probable cases.

Member Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Vice Chair Mary Ellard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 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 October 19, 2021, which minutes were approved on March 15, 2022.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman