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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 28, 2022

Posted in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A Section 20, as amended.

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room 304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Bernadette Chirokas, Member

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director

Meeting is called to order at 6:00PM on Monday, November 28, 2022

Discussion & Vote 10-18-2022 Meeting Minutes

Member Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Chair Leanne Jasset seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Hayashi Acidification Variance Request

Hayashi, a new sushi restaurant at 125 Washington Street, has applied for a variance in accordance with the 2013 FDA Food Code, for sections 3-502.11, 8- 201.13, and 8-201.14 to acidify sushi rice. The establishment intends to use acidification, with a vinegar solution, to render cooked rice a non-time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS) food. Director Kylee Sullivan reported that the restaurant is not open yet and must have a successful pre-operational inspection before a permit to operate a food establishment is issued. The variance request was accompanied by a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan, that was provided in the Board's packets. The establishment also provided a rice sample pH tested by an approved laboratory, based on the submitted HACCP plan. Member Bernadette Chirokas requested additional information on the establishment's acidification and monitoring process. Yanlu Li, Hayashi owner, was present at the meeting, and clarified the process for monitoring the rice's pH with each batch. Meiyen Chen and Yanmei Lin were also present representatives of the establishment. Member Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to grant the variance contingent on the information on monitoring frequency included in the HACCP plan. Chair Jasset seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the variance request 2-0.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Domino's Garbage Disposal Variance Request

Dominos submitted a variance request from the Board of Health's Food Service Establishments Regulations requirement of a garbage disposal. Director Sullivan reported that a recent change in ownership of the establishment triggered compliance with this local requirement. The establishment has not changed its menu or operations. Corporate Dominos provides pre-prepared pizza toppings for service, limiting food waste. There are no dine-in options at the establishment which further limits the production of food waste on site. Bentan Kilinc, establishment owner, was present at the meeting, and offered additional clarification of the establishment's operations. Member Bernadette Chirokas made a

motion to approve the variance request contingent upon no issues arising from production of food waste, or facility updates. Chair Jasset seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the variance request 2-0.

Discussion and Possible Vote Noble and Greenough Grease Trap Cleaning Variance Request

The Noble & Greenough School submitted a variance request for the requirement of monthly internal grease trap cleaning as required by the Board's Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Grease Traps. The establishment has been cleaning their grease trap on a quarterly schedule and there have been no issues related to grease at the establishment according to Department records. Noble & Greenough provided documentation from their grease hauler, Service Pumping & Drain Co., confirming recommendation of quarterly cleaning. Chair Jasset requested clarification on the establishment's menu and operations. Director Sullivan reviewed. Noble and Greenough's menu. Member Chirokas made a motion to approve the variance conditional upon revisiting this matter prior to the beginning of the next school year. Chair Jasset seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the variance request 2-0.

Discussion and Possible Vote Papa Gino's Product Test Site- Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Grease Traps Variance Request- RESCHEDULED

Update from Health Director

Permit Renewals: Permit renewals for food establishments, dumpsters, tobacco retailers, cryogenic therapy establishments, and funeral directors are going smoothly. Renewal notices were sent out at the beginning of November to provide businesses more time to renew their permits. A reminder notice will be sent out in the beginning of December.

Winter Artisan Market: The Department will permit food vendors at the first annual winter artisan market. The market will begin on Saturday, December 3rd. Food vendors will be inspected and issued a permit at the first day of the market. Approximately 8-10 food vendors will be present at this market.

14 Arbor Lane: The dwelling was secured and boarded on Monday, November 14th. The dwelling was condemned at the end of March due to cluttered and squalid conditions. At a court hearing on October 14th, the Judge ordered the property owner to vacate and secure/board the property by October 21st, which they failed to do. As a result, the Town was granted permission to secure and board the dwelling. The Department is working with the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative to begin the process of filing a petition to appoint a receiver through the courts. The Department has provided the property owner with a list of resources including shelters, housing, and food assistance. The Council on Aging has attempted to meet with the property owner to also provide resources.

Body Art Establishment-Rowan

Director Sullivan has received an application for a body art (piercing) establishment and is working on making sure all requirements are met prior to their opening. The establishment will only offer needle-based ear piercing services.

Discussion & (Possible Vote): Any COVID-19 Matters Requiring Action

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 6,256 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dedham, not including residents who test positive with at-home rapid antigen tests. There have been 778 probable cases of COVID-19, and 106 deaths associates with COVID-19.

***Old/New Business**

Public Health Report Madam Chair would like clarification on the Department's involvement in Ebola contact monitoring of Ebola. Director Sullivan explained that the MA Department of Public Health has requested that all local health departments monitor individuals that have recently visited Uganda due to concerns related to Ebola.

Biotech Regulations

At the Annual Fall Town Meeting, Town Meeting Members voted in favor of updating the Town's Zoning Bylaw to include definitions for laboratory, research, and development (manufacturing). The overall goal of amending the Zoning Bylaw is to facilitate the expansion of the biotech industry in Dedham. The Greater Boston area is a world-renowned hub of biotech and increasing the presence of biotech companies in Dedham helps the community in many ways, including increasing the commercial tax base of the community, which helps maintain residential taxes. Boards of Health across the Commonwealth regulate and permit biotech companies using locally adopted regulations. Director Sullivan recommended the creation and adoption of biotech regulations in Dedham based on similar regulations in comparable communities. The Department will research and draft regulations for the review and approval of the Board.

Outdoor Dining: The Department has been involved in creating a standardized and sustainable plan for outdoor dining on public ways (i.e., the street/sidewalk). Representatives from the Town Manager's Office, the Planning Department, the Building Department, and DPW have also been involved in this process. The goal is to formalize an annual outdoor dining licensing program that incorporates health, building, ADA, DPW, etc. requirements and is approved through the Select Board. At the November 17th Select Board meeting, the Select Board voted to create an Outdoor Dining Working Group comprised of a member of Select Board, Planning Board, and Board of Health, as well as support from the Public Works Director, Health Director, Planning Director, Building Commissioner, and members of the Town Manager's Office. The Board of Health must appoint a member of the Board the Working Group. The first Working Group meeting is planned for December. Member Bernadette Chirokas voted to appoint Chair Jasset to the Outdoor Dining Working Group. The Board voted 2-0 to appoint Chair Jasset to the Outdoor Dining Working Group.

Public Comment

No public was present for comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bernadette Chirokas at 7:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Chair Jasset. The Board voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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 November 28, 2022, which minutes were approved on January 10, 2023.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman