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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room 304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Noreen Guilfoyle, Vice Chair
Bernadette Chirokas, Member

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Discussion & Vote: 2/7/2023 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to accept the February 7, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Bernadette Chirokas.

Discussion & (Possible Vote): Rowan Body Art Variance Request

Rowan is a new ear-piercing business in Legacy Place. The business requested variances for seven (7) practitioners who do not have the required two (2) years of experience as outlined in The Board's Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. Section 12 (Application for Body Art Practitioner Permit), Subsection (A)(d)(v) states: "The applicant for all practitioners shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board of at least two years actual experience in the practice of performing body art activities of the kind for which the applicant seeks a body art practitioner permit to perform, whether such experience was obtained within or outside of the Commonwealth." Rowan requires that all piercing staff be licensed nurses. As a result, each of the practitioners seeking a variance are licensed nurses who submitted complete applications, including photographic proof of ID, bloodborne pathogen certification, first aid/CPR certification, copies of nursing licensure, and variance requests. The seven (7) practitioners seeking a variance are:

1. Britney Harris
2. Natasha Taylor
3. Maria Quintana
4. Eumelie Delvoix
5. Leila Chery
6. Caitlyn Mauro
7. Leslie Becerra

Rachel Cohen, Director of New Studio Opening for Rowan and Samantha Alvarado, Lead Nurse in charge of piercer training were present at the meeting and provided additional clarification on the variance requests and Rowan's business model. Rowan also provided supplemental materials including a needle piercing training guide, training log example, needle piercing checklist, needle piercing manual, and a medical board letter of recommendation. These were included in the Board's meeting packets. Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to grant the variance requests for Britney Harris, Natasha Taylor. Maria Quintana, Eumelie Delvoix, Leila Chery, conditional on successful completion of the proposed training program submitted with the variance requests. Member Bernadette Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to grant the variance as motioned.

Outdoor Dining Working Group Update

The Select Board unanimously approved the proposed outdoor dining guidelines previously provided to the Board of Health with a few changes. Town staff are meeting to discuss the approved guidelines and determine next steps for implementation and the application process. The outdoor dining season will be April 1st to November 15th, weather permitting. The Health Department will review sanitation plans from all applicants to ensure the outdoor dining areas will be well-maintained.

Update from Health Director

127 Curve Street: The Department has been working with Town Counsel to file an amended complaint in court to address the cluttered conditions on the exterior of this property. The Board will be informed of the outcome of the hearing scheduled for April 10, 2023.

14 Arbor Lane: The Department is still awaiting news of a receivership appointment for this property from the court. The Board will be notified once a receiver is appointed.

Summer Intern 2023: The Department will have a summer intern through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Local Health Internship Program. The intern will be joining the Department in May. The Intern will assist in the creation of retail tobacco educational programs for tobacco establishments in Dedham, as well as reviewing the Board's Tobacco Regulations.

Opioid Abatement Funds: Five new proposed opioid settlements with Allergan, Teva, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens are available to municipalities across the Commonwealth. The State has provided guidance on the use of these funds, an outline of which was provided in the Board's meeting packet. Article 21 of Town Meeting requests the creation a new special purpose stabilization fund which may be expended for allowable purposes. Director Sullivan will keep the Board informed as updates develop on the usage of these funds.

National Public Health Week: National Public Health week is April 3rd – 9th. Director Sullivan has worked with the Town's Director of Communications, Amanda Smith, to create information for distribution to the public on a variety of different topics and highlights that relate to public health for Dedham.

COVID-19 Updates and Information: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in Massachusetts will end on May 11, 2023. These updates may bring changes to the future of COVID-19 related immunizations, clinics, etc. The Department will update the Board as additional guidance and details are provided.

Public Comment: No public was present for comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle at 6:20PM. The motion was seconded by Member Bernadette Chirokas. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

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 March 28, 2023, which minutes were approved on April 11, 2023.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman