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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room 304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

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

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director
Mavis Stephany Lopez Silva, Office Manager

Meeting is called to order Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:30PM

Discussion & Vote: 09/12/2023 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by Member Leanne Jasset. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Discussion: Food Service Establishment Regulations

The Board's Food Service Establishment Regulations require certain standards for food service establishment in Dedham in addition to the State-adopted FDA Food Code (currently the 2013 version). Specially, the Regulations require the installation of a garbage disposal in all food service establishments operating after June 30, 1990. These regulations were adopted in 1998, with amendments made in 2006, (section 6.04) requiring Choke Saver/CPR certification for establishments with one or more seats.

Director Sullivan reported that in speaking with Town staff such as the plumbing inspector and engineer, it has been determined that neither requires a garbage disposal through their codes/regulations. Upon researching similar requirements in neighboring communities, only Norwood has a similar requirement which was enacted in 1957. Director Sullivan discussed changes that have been made to food waste best practices since the Regulations were enacted, including many options for reducing food waste, with the help of organizations across the nation and in Massachusetts that work with food establishments to address concerns of food waste.

Member Leanne Jasset requested a comparison of the number of Food Establishments in Dedham to other communities. Member Jasset suggested exploring the option of including different requirements for varying types of establishments based on their size, capacity, and establishment functions. Member

Jasset expressed concern about improper handling of food waste which could potentially increase and attract unwanted pests in establishments and the community. Director Sullivan will continue to investigate this matter and keep the Board updated.

Update from Health Director

Opioid Settlement Funds: The Town created a public survey to gather input from Dedham residents and businesses affected by opioid use. This survey closed on October 1, 2023. Forty-four (44) responses were received. The Town hoped for more feedback from the community and is brainstorming additional ways to gather input. The responses have started to be analyzed to determine next steps and best practices to support the community. Director Sullivan will keep the board updated on new information as it develops.

Fall Events: The Health Department is gearing up for seasonal events this fall including Household Hazardous Waste Day and flu clinics. Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at DPW. Like in years past, the event will be advertised in the Dedham Times and through various Town channels with help from the Director of Communications.

The senior (65+) flu clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 10 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Legion. The Department has been working with the COA on this clinic. The public clinic will be held on Thursday, October 5th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at the Dedham Middle School Gymnasium. Homebound residents can call the Public Health Nurse to schedule a home visit.

Townwide Summit: The next Townwide Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. This is an opportunity for Town staff to come together and provide updates for each other.

Housing Updates: Member Leanne Jasset requested an update on 127 Curve St and 14 Arbor Ln. Director Sullivan reported that there are no updates currently, however she will keep the Board updated as information arises.

Public Comment: No public was present for comment.

Member Leanne Jasset made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn, and the meeting is adjourned at 5:52 PM on Tuesday, October 3, 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 October 3, 2023, which minutes were approved on November 14, 2023.

Noreen Guilfoyle – Chair