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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 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

Meeting is called to order Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30PM

Public Comment

Greg Carlevale representing Concinnitas Corp, and Scott Henderson of Henderson Consulting Group were present for public comment. They will be submitting a shared septic system plan variance request application for 1 Rocky Ridge Road. They introduced the project to the Board. Director Sullivan reported that the Health Department is working with a consultant to review the plans to ensure all Title 5 and local requirements are met. The Board will take the consultant's review of the plans under advisement.

Discussion & Vote: 10/03/2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Discussion & (Possible Vote): Rowan Body Art Variance Request-Practitioner Permit for Lorena Lorenzo

Rowan is requesting a variance for Lorena Lorenzo, who does not have the required two (2) years of experience as outlined in The Board's Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. Rowan requires a nursing license for all piercing staff. A completed application, including photographic proof of ID, bloodborne pathogen certification, first aid/CPR certification, copies of nursing licensure, and a variance request document was submitted for Ms. Lorenzo.

Member Leanne Jasset clarified that Ms. Lorenzo is currently a Registered Nurse and inquired if there have been reported issues with Rowan prior to the submittal of this variance request. Director Sullivan informed the Board that there have been no issues with this establishment since their opening, and they have submitted all required documentation for the variance request. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to accept the variance request as presented to allow Lorena Lorenzo a Body Art Practitioner Permit, which was seconded by Member Leanne Jasset. The Board voted unanimously to grant the variance.

Discussion: Cannabis Working Group

Enclosed in the Board's meeting packet was information about a Cannabis Working Group and the status of Recreational Cannabis in Dedham. The Select Board would like to initiate a dialogue about recreational cannabis as a potential revenue source for the town. Director Sullivan reviewed the information provided in the packet. The Board had various questions about the status of Cannabis in Dedham and the Cannabis Working Group.

Marijuana Retailers Licensed through the Cannabis Control Commission

Marijuana Retailers must be regulated and permitted by local Boards of Health and are also subject to regulations and licenses from the State's Cannabis Control Commission. Currently, there are 11 Marijuana Retailer Licenses issued in Norfolk County by the Cannabis Control Commission and just under 500 licensed retailers state-wide. Member Leanne Jasset inquires how many of the eleven Marijuana Retailer Licenses are Medical-Use only. Director Sullivan will confirm the amount and update the Board.

Director Sullivan will work with other Town Departments to answer the Board's questions. The Board requested that Town representatives attend the next Board of Health meeting to offer additional information. Chair Noreen Guilfoyle recommended the appointment of Member Leanne Jasset to the Cannabis Working Group

Update from Health Director

Fall Events (Flu Clinics and HHWD): Approximately 150 residents attended household hazardous waste day on October 21st and 581 flu vaccines were administered throughout all flu clinics.

14 Arbor Ln: A hearing for this property was held on November 3rd and continued to November 17th.

127 Curve St: Town Counsel is working to appoint a receiver to bring this property into compliance with health and building regulations.

New Food Establishments: The following new food establishments have opened in Town: Uchi, Kelly's Roast Beef, and Johnny's Pockets.

Winter Farmers Market: The second annual Winter Farmers Market will begin on Saturday, November 18th at the Senior Center. We are finalizing the permitting of food vendors who will be inspected during the first day of the Market.

Permit Renewals: The Health Department is continuing to process the annual renewals of Food, Tobacco, Dumpster, Funeral and Cryotherapy Establishment Permits.

Emergency Shelters for Displaced Migrant Families: There are two emergency shelters operating in Dedham. The State has conducted lead and TB testing for the children in the shelters and TB screening for adults. A group, including representatives from Town Departments and organizations such as the Food Pantry, have started meeting to coordinate efforts for collecting supplies for these families from the community, especially with winter weather and holidays approaching.

Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16PM, which was seconded by Member Leanne Jasset. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn, and the meeting is adjourned at 6:16 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 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 November 14, 2023, which minutes were approved on December 12, 2023.

Noreen Guilfoyle – Chair