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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room 304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Noreen Guilfoyle, Chair
Bernadette Chirokas, Vice Chair

The following staff were present:

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

Meeting was called to order Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM

Discussion & Vote: 5/9/2023 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chair Noreen Guilfoyle. The Board voted 2-0 to accept the minutes as written.

Discussion & (Possible Vote): Crumbl Cookies Garbage Disposal Variance Request

Crumbl Cookies is a cookie bakery that will be opening at 751 Providence Highway. The establishment submitted a variance request from the Board of Health's Food Service Establishments Regulations requirement of garbage disposal. The establishment's menu is limited to cookies and toppings, with the production of minimal food waste.

Matthew and Pam Arias were present at the meeting, and provided additional information to support their variance request which was included in the Board's packet. Matthew and Pam Arias stated there is minimal food waste produced by their establishment, and all extra cookies are disposed of directly in the trash. They stated they have additional establishments in Massachusetts and neither have a garbage disposal. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas motioned to grant the variance request for Crumbl Cookies, Chair Noreen Guilfoyle seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0 to approve the variance request.

Discussion & (Possible Vote): 46 Michael Road Title 5 Variance Requests

46 Michael Road requested variances from the Board of Health for an updated septic system. The proposed system includes an Eljen GSF System, an alternative soil absorption system that is approved for Modified Remedial Use by Mass DEP.

The variances sought were:

1. For the use of a sieve analysis instead of a percolation test because a percolation test was unable to be performed according to 105 CMR 15.405(i).
2. For the installation of a soil absorption system 3 feet from the maximum high ground water according to 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)(2).

As required by the Board's General Regulations, abutters were notified of the hearing through a notice crafted by the Health Department and the public was made aware through a notice published in the Dedham Times on Friday, June 9, 2023. The applicant Adam Landry was present at this meeting as well as Robert Vey, with B.I.G Norfolk Engineering. Mr. Vey provided additional information on the system's specifications. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas commented on the proximity to the Town's wetlands and inquired about possible effects. Mr. Vey stated he has been in contact with the Conservation Department, and they report no concerns with the proposed plans. Chair Noreen Guilfoyle requested clarification on the soil absorption system requirements and process. Mr. Vey clarified that they are requesting a variance for installation of a soil absorption system 3 feet from the maximum high ground water. Updated plans will be provided to the Health Department before a Disposal System Construction Permit is issued. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas motioned to approve the variances contingent on all other aspects of the system complying Title 5 and the submission of updated plans to the Health Department. Chair Noreen Guilfoyle seconded the motion and the Board voted 2-0 to approve the variances.

Update from Health Director

Introduction to DPH Summer Intern- Sanskruti Madan

Sanskruti Madan started her summer internship in the Department on June 1st. She has shadowed camp inspections and completed an orientation to public health. Sanskruti has also reviewed tobacco regulations in neighboring communities to determine best practices for possible amendments to the Board's Tobacco Regulations. The goal of her work during this internship is to create an educational training program for tobacco retailers in Town to ensure retailers have a better understanding of the Board's Tobacco Regulations and the State's Tobacco Laws.

14 Arbor Lane

Clean out companies and contractors continue to visit the property to assess and determine the extent of work needed to bring this property into compliance with health and building regulations. The court appointment receiver is creating a proposed budget which must be approved by the court.

127 Curve St

A court hearing will be held on July 8th to have the court appoint a receiver to address the violations on this property.

Health Clinic at the Holiday Inn

A health clinic hosted by Beth Israel Lahey Health was held on June 14th for approximately 20 displaced families staying at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. These families are primarily from Haiti and are a part of a state program to temporarily house displaced persons. The families were triaged for healthcare needs. Director Sullivan and Office Manager Lopez Silva attended the clinic for additional support and to provide hygiene kits, COVID-19 tests, and information about local Dedham resources.

***Old/New Business**

Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas informed the Board that the Manor Group hosted another flooding meeting. During the meeting, a contact list of several residents who have been affected by frequent flooding and sewage back up was provided. There have been several Town representatives there in an official capacity to attempt to find solutions to these issues. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas will update the Board as new information develops.

Public Comment:

No public was present for comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas at 6:22 PM and seconded by Chair Noreen Guilfoyle. The Board voted unanimously 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM on Tuesday, June 20, 2022.

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 June 20, 2023, which minutes were approved on August 15, 2023.

Noreen Guilfoyle – Chairman