

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – March 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas McLaughlin, MD at the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Dutrochet Djoko, Member; Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 7, 2019, as written.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

Carleo informed the Board that the budget for the next fiscal year has been submitted to the Town Manager. Hearings before the Board of Selectman have been scheduled. Carleo briefly reviewed the powerpoint presentation for the Health Division and highlighted the FY20 goals slide. In sum, the Board of Health will be focusing its efforts at the population level and using evidence to guide its efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING UPDATE

Carleo reported on a quiet month of permitting. In sum, 1 body art practitioner and body art establishment were issued, as well as 1 food establishment permit.

RETAILER DENSITY

Carleo provided the Board with the language to be inserted into the current tobacco regulation.

12. Maximum Number of Tobacco Product Sales Permits:

- a. At any given time, there shall be no more than twenty-nine (29) Tobacco Product Sales Permits issued in Danvers, reduced by the number of permits not renewed pursuant to subsection (b) below. No permit renewal will be denied based on the requirements of this subsection except any permit holder who has failed to renew his or her permit within thirty (30) days of expiration will be treated as a first-time permit applicant.*
- b. As of [date], any permit not renewed either because a retailer no longer sells tobacco products, as defined herein, or because a retailer closes the retail business, shall be returned to the Danvers Board of Health and shall be permanently retired by the Board of Health and the total allowable number of Tobacco Product Sales Permits under paragraph (a) shall be reduced by the number of the retired permits.*
- c. At any given time, of the allowed Permit number in subsection (a) above, there shall be no more than four (4) Tobacco Product Sales Permits issued to Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores, per the definition, in Danvers. No permit renewal will be denied based on the requirements of this subsection except any permit holder who has failed to renew his or her permit within thirty (30) days of expiration will be treated as a first-time permit applicant.*
- d. Applicants who purchase or acquire an existing business that holds a valid Tobacco Product Sales Permit at the time of the sale or acquisition of said business must apply within sixty (60) days of such sale or acquisition for the permit held by the Current Permit Holder if the Applicant intends to sell tobacco products, as defined herein. Such applicant may choose to apply for a*

Tobacco Product Sales Permit for an Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Store if the Current Permit Holder possessed the same or if a Tobacco Product Sales Permit for an Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Store is available per subsection (b).

There were unanswered questions about section d which provides for limited acquisition of permits after a store closes or changes ownership. Joyce Redford will be present in April for the hearing to clarify.

NUISANCE REPORT

Carleo summarized the investigations conducted since the last meeting. In sum, 13 complaints were investigated. One significant housing complaint was filed regarding a middle-aged man who lives alone in one of our manufactured housing communities. The resident's water line under his trailer had frozen and he is without water. The residents deteriorating mental condition is making compliance extra challenging. Social Services is assisting health in trying to gain compliance without resorting to a condemnation. Additionally, Carleo issued a condemnation notice for a long-vacant dwelling at 26 North Shetland Road. The interior ceilings have begun collapsing due to the deteriorating roof.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Ryan was present to provide her routine updates to the Board.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Nurse Ryan is in the process of updating the Danvers High School emergency dispensing site flow plan and is also finalizing plans for our newest EDS location at the Y on Pickering Street.

FLU CLINICS

Influenza season seems to be slowing down slightly. A clinic was recently held at the Liberty Tree Mall. As always, some lessons were learned that will help improve our dispensing operations going forward.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Nurse Ryan will be providing Narcan training to DanversCARES. Additionally, she has assisted in the presentation on March 14th for Parent Education night. This includes a presentation on vaping as well as the "in plain sight" display.

Varying educational topics will be incorporated into Ryan's blood pressure clinics at the Fairweather Apartments.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Since the last meeting, Nurse Ryan investigated 1 case of streptococcus pneumonia and 19 reported cases of influenza. Additionally, she responded to gastrointestinal illness with a total of 5 cases in a dementia unit.

ANIMAL CARE

ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Carleo provided the monthly report from the Animal Health Specialist Jean Marcotti. He reported on only 5 animal related complaints for the month. As has been the case in previous months, this is likely due to a database error that is yet to be corrected by the application developer.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Carleo requested the Board's signature on a letter of support for the Recreation Department's application to Lahey Health for the purchase of outdoor recreation equipment such as snow shoes and cross-country skis. The equipment would be housed at the library and can be "borrowed" by any library card holder. The Board unanimously voted to support the Recreation Department and signed the letter.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo
Clerk for the Board of Health