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Board of Health Minutes 03/07/2012

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Ground Floor Conference Room
Arlington Senior Center
6:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Waden and James Feeney, Health Compliance Officers.

Public in attendance: Melissa Cloutier; Shajid Shaikh- permit applicant for Galaxy Market, 464 Summer Street, Arlington.

Hearing Request: Galaxy Market: Plan Review, 469 Summer Street

Inspector Waden informed the Board that the applicant, Shajid Shaikh is also the owner of a currently permitted establishment, Galaxy Market located at 1348 Massachusetts Avenue. Waden provided the Board with brief summary of the history of complaints and violations regarding the sale of tobacco products to minors at 1348 Mass Ave. Mr. Shaikh provided the Board with a written statement explaining his concerns with the denial. In the statement, Mr. Skaikh stated that he was only aware of two tobacco sales violations to minors in the past 10years and that no other complaints were brought to his attention. Mr. Skaikh explained that the most recent sale to a minor was the mistake of a new employee, who had since been fired from the establishment. Mr. Skaikh also stated that on a daily basis customers try to buy groceries and cigarettes on credit, and that when they are denied, they become angry and threaten to complain on the establishment. A conversation regarding the Boards concerns with various complaints from parents and school officials, as well as Mr. Skaikh's management practices and the operation of two establishments was discussed in detail. The Board of Health voted unanimously to decline the issuance of a permit to sell tobacco to this establishment and to continue the matter of making a decision on the issuance of a food permit to this establishment until the next Board meeting on April 11, 2012.

Hearing: Tobacco Sales Violation: Galaxy Market, 1348 Mass Ave

This hearing was moved to April 11, 2012 at 5:30PM.

WITHDRAWN: Hearing Request: Virginia Giurleo: 152 Webster Street #2, Housing Code Violations:

Inspector Waden presented the Board with a copy of a letter from Ms. Giurleo dated March 5, 2012 withdrawing her request for a hearing.

Public Comment

Melissa Cloutier introduced herself as a Nurse Practitioner student at Regis College. Melissa stated she was working on a paper regarding the Health needs of Arlington.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:57PM