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Board of Health Minutes 04/27/2011

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Ground Floor Conference Room
Arlington Senior Center
5:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)
Staff in Attendance Natasha Waden, Health Compliance Officer.
Public in Attendance: Sue Zhang.

The meeting minutes for March 2, 2011 were accepted.

PRESENTATION: Upcoming proposed Regulations:

Inspector Waden provided a summary of regulations (abrasive blasting, biotech, hazardous waste, nail salons, and grease trap) that the department would like the Board to consider implementing over time. Waden explained that Abrasive blasting and Biotech regulations were of particular concern to draft as soon as possible, as the Abrasive blasting By-law is no longer in existence and since the town has recently been approved as a BioReady community. Therefore Waden requested that an amendment be made to the Board of Health meeting schedule so that these regulations could be implemented within the next two months. The Board voted unanimously to change the June 8th meeting to June 1st and add an additional meeting to the schedule on June 28th in order to implement the Abrasive blasting and Biotech regulations. Furthermore, the Board expressed interest in the implementation of Hazardous Waste and grease trap regulations in the near future and the implementation of Nail Salon regulations over the next couple of years.

Budget Update:

Inspector Waden reported to the Board that a memo was submitted to the Town Manager requesting the approval of an increase to the fees for sealer and demolition related inspections. Waden explained that the additional money would be put towards maintaining the sealer of weights and measures position at 9hours per week. Waden also reported that the Finance committee approved sufficient funds to the Health Department to run a mosquito control program this year.

Restaurant Updates

Inspector Waden reported a new residential kitchen has opened, as well as the new Mexican restaurant Acitron. Additionally, one mobile food vender permit has been issued to King's Ice cream. Lastly, Waden stated that the Farmer's Market will open on June 8th and will run from 1pm-6pm until late October every Wednesday in the municipal parking lot behind Arlington Catholic High School.

Environmental Updates

Inspector Waden reported that the Senior Center campus has officially gone smoke-free. Waden explained that because there is a school in the building, the campus is required to be smoke-free. Dr. Fitzpatrick expressed interest in revising the Tobacco regulations to include that all medical campuses be smoke-free. Waden stated that she would follow up with Director Connolly on this matter. Waden reported that nuisance complaints (trash, pests and illegal dumping) have been on the rise.

Public Health Nurse Updates:

Inspector Waden informed the Board that a grant was awarded to the Arlington Police Department by the Department of Mental Health for the purpose of developing a Hoarding Response Team. Waden explained that Diane Coste, Public Health Nurse, would be trained to be part of this response team. The response team will be responsible for conducting the initial inspection to assess the situation and coordinate services to help address the complex issues involved with a hoarding complaint.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm