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Board of Health Minutes 06/01/2011

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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 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: Christine M. Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services Natasha Waden and James Feeney, Health Compliance Officers.

Public in Attendance: Janice Hilson and Deborah Duguay

The meeting minutes for April 27, 2011 were accepted.

HEARING: Arlington Rest Home

Inspector Waden provided the board with a summary of the kitchen equipment and past temperature violations in relation to the use of non-commercial grade refrigeration dating back to 2008. In addition, Waden reported to the Board the most recent inspection dated May 23, 2011 that revealed temperature violations of the new non-commercial grade refrigeration unit. Ms. Janice Hilson from Arlington Rest Home informed the Board that this unit was not a new purchase, but a replacement because the old refrigerator was under warranty. Lastly, Ms. Hilson explained to the Board that the Arlington Rest Home's attorney did not believe that the code citation in the order letter written by Ms. Waden was correct. Dr. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Walsh voiced concern with the highly susceptible and highly at risk population that Arlington Rest Home serves and the illnesses associated with temperature abuse. The Board unanimously voted to uphold the Order written by Ms. Waden, which requires that Arlington Rest Home replace said unit with a Commercial grade unit. The Board decided that since the time period for compliance has lapsed, that Arlington Rest Home will be required to comply within 30 days from the decision date.

HEARING: Application to keep Hens at 25 Dartmouth Street

Inspector Feeney introduced Deborah Duguay as the applicant requesting to keep hen's at 25 Dartmouth Street. Feeney explained that both he and Ms. Duguay sent letters to abutting neighbors as well as renters to inform them of Ms. Duguay's proposal to keep hens and of the hearing date. Mr. Feeney explained that he had not received any oral or written communication in opposition of the permit. Mr. Feeney presented the Board with the site plan drawn by the applicant and stated the proposed location of the chicken coop was in compliance with the zoning bylaw. Ms. Duguay explained that she obtained permission from neighbors to access their property in order to take the proper measurements. Inspector Feeney reported that he had no reason to believe that a permit to keep hens should not be granted to Ms. Duguay. Mr. Feeney asked the Board about what would be considered proper disposal of a deceased hen. The Board discussed the options agreed that burial or trash disposal were acceptable options. Ms. Duguay stated that she read that proper burial depth was at least 3 feet. The Board then approved the application unanimously and Mr. Feeney stated that he would put the Board's decision in writing and mail it to Ms Duguay within the allotted seven days.

Public Comment: Proposed Abrasive Blasting Regulations

No one from the public was in attendance and no comments were made. The Board received a copy of the proposed regulations and determined that they would review and comment at the next Board of Health meeting.

Public Comment: Proposed Use of Recombinant DNA (rDNA) Molecule Technology Regulations: POSTPONED

Inspector Waden explained to the Board that more time would be needed to develop proposed rDNA regulations. Waden stated that a legal notice would be posted in accordance with applicable laws prior to the hearing date to notify the public of the hearing to discuss these regulations.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:41pm



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