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Board of Health Minutes 12/07/2011

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 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 Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services Natasha Waden and James Feeney, Health Compliance Officers.
Other: Rebecca Ryan Caruso, Biotechnology Consultant

The meeting minutes for November 2, 2011 were accepted on the condition that the end time of the meeting is changed to 7:00PM.

Proposed 2012 BOH Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule was approved by the Board on the condition that two meeting dates were changed.

Update: 2011 Flu Clinics

Director Connolly reported that the last Flu clinic for 2011 was held on December 1st. A final number of flu shots administered for the year will be available at the next meeting. Connolly stated that while the office still has vaccine available, we do not plan to hold any additional flu clinics in 2012. Therefore, staff will be contacting local doctor's offices to distribute our left over vaccine. Lastly, Connolly informed the Board that a Shingles vaccination clinic would be held on January 11, 2012 at the Arlington Senior Center for residents 50 years or older. The cost for the vaccine is \$170.00.

Restaurant updates:

Waden reported that Subway located at 669R Mass Ave has opened for business. In addition, the following establishments have changed ownership: Shanny Beer and Wine located at 92 Summer Street, whose name will change to Arlington Liquors, Sabatino's located at 242 Mass Ave, whose name will remain the same, and Thai Moon located at 663 Mass Ave, whose name will also remain the same. Waden also reported that annual permit renewal notices have been sent to all food, tanning, and body art establishments, as well as, waste haulers and tobacco vendors. Waden explained that tobacco vendors will not have to attend a retailer training for a 2012 permit; training will be required every other year prior to renewal as discussed and approved by the Board last year.

Environmental updates

Inspector Feeney provided an update on the PCE found at Arlington High School. Feeney explained that Department of Environmental Protection is still investigating the source PCE originated from. They continue to drill monitoring wells and have expanded their search to the TD Bank North building across the street from the high school which was previously a gas station. Feeney reported about ongoing housing cases, while some progress has been made, the office continues to see cases that require more time to resolve. Dr. Walsh asked for an update on Kate Hill and James Edgerton. Waden reported that this office has not heard from Kate, the management company or her sister. Waden and Feeney reported that there has been no change in the status of Mr. Edgerton's case. Lastly, Connolly reported that there has been one confirmed case of Leptospirosis in a dog. Dr. Walsh asked for an update on Spy Pond from the previous meeting. Waden reported that no additional information is available at this time.

Discussion: Biotech Regulations (moved from item II to VI)

Inspector Waden led the discussion of the draft Biosafety and Recombinant DNA Regulations. Each section was reviewed and commented on by the Board. Comments on various sections were noted and will be included in the next review of the regulations. Rebecca Ryan Caruso, Biotech consultant, reviewed in more detail the large scale use of rDNA and/or Biological agent culture. In addition, Rebecca provided an overview of the differences associated between the different levels of Biosafety Laboratories. The Board stated that they would like more feedback from the community before a decision on which type (level) of Biosafety Laboratories should be permitted in the Town of Arlington. The Board requested that staff advertise the next Board meeting and ask the public to review the regulations, attend the meeting and provide feedback on them.

Public Comment

Director Connolly informed the Board that she would be sending out a copy of the State Ethics Law, and asked that they review, sign and return the document to her.

Meeting Adjourn at 7:30PM