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Board of Health Minutes 06/10/2009

Board of Health Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 10, 2009 Ground Floor Conference Room Senior Center, 27 Maple Street 5:15pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair) Staff in Attendance: Christine Sharkey, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Thorne, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Secretary

April 29, 2009 meeting minutes accepted as written.

UPDATE: Town Meeting

Christine Sharkey updated the Board on Town Meeting articles, the article to impose stricter guidelines for mobile food vendors passed. The article collectively submitted by the Board of Health, Police and Town Manager passed increasing the fine for public consumption of marijuana to \$300. The article allowing residents to keep hens passed and will go into effect in October of this year. Applications for a permit to keep hens will include a "plan review" and the regulations for the permit must be in accordance with the by-law.

III. UPDATE: Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition

The Director of the Coalition, Colleen Leger, submitted a written update to the Board of recent initiatives put into place the past few months. The Coalition has created a logo to be used on written and promotional materials to increase the Coalition's visibility. An alcohol sales compliance check of package stores and all-alcohol licensed restaurants conducted by the Police Dept and 2 establishments failed to ask for an ID from the undercover person. A free summer program for Arlington children ages 6-11 sponsored by the Coalition in conjunction with the Recreation and Police Departments offering activities along with public safety, health and wellness activities.

IV. Restaurant updates

On May 19, 2009, a re-inspectiont was conducted at Sweet Sue's Restaurant by Maureen Lee to verify that violations cited on May 8, 2009, had been corrected in the time allotted. The violations were not corrected as stipulated and a third re-inspection by Natasha Waden was necessary. Sweet Sue's has already paid \$200 in re-inspection fees and will receive an additional \$100 fine for a third re-inspection. They have also been issued a \$100 fine for a trash complaint received by BOH. Sweet Sue's restaurant is currently under a one-year probation until September, 2009.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, Krazy Karry's was closed down because of grease buildup in the hood and vent. The Fire Department was also on the scene. This was a result of an inspection by Maureen Lee who notified Natasha Waden of the severity of the problem. The overall condition of the restaurant is poor, following a year probation ending on May 14, 2009. There is a need for increased inspections and re-inspections, a professional company to clean out the grease buildup on a regular schedule plus there is a question about the size of the grease trap being too small. The restaurant will be re-opened on Thursday, June 11, following a cleanup.

The Turkish restaurant Pasha has opened replacing Tsunami under the same ownership and at 669-A Massachusetts Avenue.

Public Comment

Two Regis College students were in attendance at this evening's meeting who expressed how much they did benefit being able to sit in on such an interesting meeting.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on September 9, 2009, at the same location.