

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 14, 2004
8:30 a.m., Senior Center, 27 Maple Street
1st Floor Conference Room

*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos,
Mark Fingerle*

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly (Director of Public Health)

- I. Minutes of June, 2004 meeting postponed until August meeting
- II. Christine Connolly presented Board with the history of violations for 60 Bow Street and failure of owner to remedy the situation. John Maher, Legal Counsel for the Town of Arlington recommended the hearing be continued until the next meeting and that a notice be put in the paper two weeks before the meeting and have the Public Hearing regarding 60 Bow Street at that time. Mr. Maher told the owner she is entitled to bring legal counsel to this meeting if she chooses. Also lien holders of the property will be notified. All in favor.
- III. Mark Ware, District Manager; Owen McDevitt, General Manager; Cynthia Dunn, District Manager; Carey Janke, Regional Director; and Moriah Fobias, Community Director were present representing Friendly's Restaurant. They reported to the Board their new training procedures in all their restaurants including Serve Safe Certified courses and the program offered by Pilgrim Hospitality. Friendly's now has a cooperate focus and not just a district focus. Christine Connolly recommended to the Board that the restaurant take out eight more seats. The Board voted against this recommendation right now and a continuance in three months. Christine also recommended every person cooking at the grill is Serve Safe Certified. Mark Ware said that would be hard to do with the turnover in help they get. Food handlers will be trained under the program offered by Pilgrim Hospitality and certificates faxed to the Board of Health. The Board voted for a continuance in three months.
- IV. Variance request to practice Reiki at Sunrise Assisted Living was granted to Sandra Hurlbut and Pamela Clements. Vote was unanimous.

- V. Variance request to Hae Hyung Ahn of Mr. Sushi regarding the acidification of rice was granted. Vote was unanimous.
- VI. Review of Massage Therapist application for Irina Prosyanko was discussed. Christine Connolly told the Board the school in Russia was closed and could not get other verification. Board recommended that Irina Prosyanko get Nationally Certified. Vote was unanimous.
- VII. Christine Connolly told the Board she met with our Town Manager after the first Hepatitis A incident. The Town manager has approved the B.O.H. to hire outside contractors to inspect restaurants for the next three months. Also talked about implementing a risk based assessment program for inspections of businesses in Arlington that sell or serve food. There would be a scale of fees and that would enable the Town to hire part-time inspectors.
- VIII. Christine Connolly reported to the Board that all the Town agencies worked together at the first Hepatitis A Clinic. Over 1800 people were given a dose of Immune Globulin. She will be attending a follow-up meeting today with the Town agencies involved. Christine also reported the Board of Health, the Chamber of Commerce, a doctor, and some of the restaurants are getting together to put a favorable article in the paper and to answer some of the questions people might have about eating in Arlington's restaurants.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.