



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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A P P R O V E D
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Ground Floor Conference Room
Arlington Senior Center
5:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Dr. Marie Walsh Condon

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Kohlberg,

Staff in Attendance: Christine Bongiorno, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Waden, Health Compliance Officer, James Feeney, Health Compliance Officer,

Others in Attendance: Ms. Mimi Wan, Drs. Sasha and Geoff Oxnard, Mr. Jan Bialach

Recording Secretary: Laura Munsey, Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick at 5:30 pm.

A Motion was made by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, which was seconded by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick to accept the February 26, 2014 Board of Health Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (2 -0)

Hearing: Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application – 108 Oakland Avenue

Drs. Sasha and Geoff Oxnard recently submitted to the Board of Health documentation in support of their application to be permitted to keep hens at their property located at 108 Oakland Ave., Arlington.

Mr. James Feeney informed the Board the applicants are experienced hen keepers and they included thoughtful responses in their application packet. He informed the Board that he has received all documentation that abutters were notified of this hearing. Upon site plan review, Mr. Feeney informed the Board that the applicants had to move the coop from the side yard to the

rear yard. He further stated the applicants had met all requirements of the Town of Arlington by-law and he had no reservations about approving the application.

Motion: A Motion was made by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, which was seconded by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, to approve the Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application for 108 Oakland Avenue.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (2 - 0)

Hearing: Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application – 46 Harlow Street

Ms. Mimi Wan recently submitted to the Board of Health documentation in support of her application to be permitted to keep hens at her property located at 46 Harlow Street, Arlington.

Mr. James Feeney informed the Board that Ms. Wan is an experienced hen keeper and currently has hens at this property. She recently became aware of the by-law and promptly approached the Board of Health to apply for a permit. No complaints have been received by the Board of Health Office prior to, or subsequent to, submission of her application. He further informed the Board he has received all documentation that abutters were notified of this hearing, and no concerns have been expressed to the Board of Health Office regarding this permit request. Mr. Feeney informed the Board the applicant has met all requirements of the Town of Arlington by-law and he had no reservations about approving the application.

Motion: A Motion was made by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, which was seconded by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, to approve the Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application for 46 Harlow St.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (2 - 0)

Hearing: Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application – 11 Reservoir Road

Mr. Jan Bialach recently submitted to the Board of Health documentation in support of his application to keep hens at his property located at 11 Reservoir Road, Arlington.

Mr. James Feeney informed the Board that he is awaiting additional information from Mr. Bialach regarding the specific coop he will purchase, but all other documentation has been received. Pictures were reviewed for clarification. He further stated the abutters have received notification regarding this permit request, as well as the hearing, and no concerns have been expressed to the Board of Health Office. Mr. Feeney informed the Board the applicant had met all other requirements of the Town of Arlington by-law and he had no reservations about approving the application, contingent upon the selection and approval of a compliant coop.

Mr. Bailach informed the Board he has selected an Agway Coop, and will promptly forward the necessary information to Mr. Feeney via e-mail.

Motion: A Motion was made by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, which was seconded by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, to approve the Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application for 11 Reservoir Road contingent upon James Feeney's final approval of the coop specifications.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (2 - 0)

Discussion: Temporary Permit to Operate a Mobile Food Truck

Ms. Natasha Waden informed the Board that, in accordance with 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Standards for Food Establishments, mobile food vendors are required to obtain a permit from the local Board of Health.

Recently, mobile food vehicles have become increasingly popular at special events such as weddings, birthday parties, bar mitzvah's, etc. In the past, a Temporary Food Permit, with a fee of \$25.00 was required to operate a one-day event. In reality, these vehicles operate more as a full service kitchen than a traditional ice cream truck. Unlike a licensed food establishment that operates from a fixed location and is subject to unannounced routine inspections, a mobile food vehicle operates in various communities and is not necessarily subject to regular routine inspections, and it is important that the Board of Health inspects these vehicles before it serves our community. Ms. Waden informed the Board that these inspections take longer and are similar to full service restaurant inspections.

For those reasons, the Office of the Board of Health requests approval to create a Temporary Permit to Operate as a Mobile Food Vendor and set a fee of \$85.00. In the event the vendor seeks to operate a second event in the same calendar year, the vendor would be charged an additional \$85.00 and would receive an Annual Permit to Operate as a Mobile food Vendor (which has an annual fee of \$170.00).

Motion: A Motion was made by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, which was seconded by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, to create a Temporary Permit to Operate as a Mobile Food Vendor and set a fee of \$85.00. In the event that a vendor seeks to operate at a second event in the same calendar year, the vendor would be charged an additional \$85 and be issued an Annual Permit to Operate as a Mobile Food Vendor with an annual fee, not to exceed \$170.00.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (2 - 0)

Environmental Updates

Ms. Waden informed the Board that tick season is upon us, and the Office of the Board of Health has already received several e-mails and calls regarding ticks. The Board of Health will continue to educate the public about the dangers of ticks, and preventative measures to protect oneself against ticks. Signage will be posted at numerous locations throughout the Town to inform the public. The Office of the Board of Health refers persons to their health care providers if they find ticks on their body.

She further informed the Board the Town is contracting with the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project this year to manage all mosquito control activities within the Town.

The Board was updated that several pre-operational inspections are taking place this week at bathing beaches and semi-public swimming pools.

It was reported that Health and Human Services has a new Twitter account @ArlingtonHHS.

Restaurant Updates

Ms. Waden informed the Board that she met with Angelo DiGirolamo of Ristorante Olivio following the February 26th Board of Health hearing where his request for a variance was denied. During this meeting Ms. Waden and Mr. DiGirolamo reached a consent agreement; the terms of the agreement allowed Mr. DiGirolamo to install the newly purchased equipment at his establishment as long as the 3-compartment sink was installed within 6 months, or prior to September 7, 2014. The Board was pleased an acceptable arrangement was reached, and looks forward to an update upon completion.

Ms. Waden informed the Board the following Restaurants have closed:

- Loukoumaki (916 Mass Ave., another bakery is looking to open in this space)

Change of Ownership at:

- Golden Taste Chinese Restaurant (14 Medford St., will be called Lucky Dragon)
- Great Wok (1181 Mass Ave.)

Plan Review Applications have been received for:

- Taqueria La Victoria (Medford Street)
- Fashion Cake Boutique – (2 Lake Street – East Arlington)

Public Health Nurse Updates

None to Report

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 25, 2014