



## **Board of Health Minutes**

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Ground Floor Mural Room

Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Kenneth Kohlberg, Dr. Kevin Fallon

### 1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2019

A motion to approve was made by Kevin Fallon, and seconded by Marie Walsh Condon, with a result of Passed.

Vote: 2-0 in favor of the motion

### 2. HEARING:

Keeping of Hens - 6 Grandview Road

Inspector Kylee Sullivan updated the Board on this continued hearing for a keeping of hens permit. Inspector Sullivan informed the Board that, after consultation with Town Counsel, it is confirmed that a variance cannot be granted by the Board to permit the keeping of more than six hens on a property in Town. Mr. O'Donnell reported that there are currently seven hens on his property. Inspector Sullivan recommended the Board conditionally approve issuing a Keeping of Hens Permit to Mr. O'Donnell based upon the applicant successfully completing a keeping of hens course and keeping no more than six hens on his property by March 13, 2020.

A motion was made by Kevin Fallon, and seconded by Marie Wash Condon to conditionally approve the issuance of a keeping of hens permit.

Vote: 2-0 in favor of the motion

### 3. PRESENTATION:

Annual Report

Director Natasha Waden reviewed the Health Department's 2019 Annual Report. Director Waden discussed key points of the report including:

- 368 Food Permits were issued
- 19 Tobacco Permits were issued
- 448 total Permits were issued
- Trends in communicable diseases
- Over 1,600 flu vaccinations were administered

- Arlington became the host agency for the Region 4B Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), newly named the Metro East MRC
- The Sealer of Weights and Measures no longer services the Town of Belmont

4. UPDATES:

Staffing

Director Waden informed the Board of staffing changes within the Health Department. Karen Koretsky stepped down as Director of the Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition and the Department has posted a description to fill this position vacancy. Jill Harvey recently joined the Department as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator. Vivian Zeng is a new contracted food inspector. Finally, the Department is looking to hire a summer Public Health Associate and will be conducting interviews in the coming weeks.

5. UPDATES:

Environmental

Inspector Pdraig Martin updated the Board about ongoing changes to state tobacco regulations. He reported that the Public Health Council approved new regulations. Additionally, there have been changes made to the fining structure of tobacco sales to persons less than 21 years of age. The fine amounts have increased considerably and the state is providing guidance on how municipalities can educate retailers and enforce these fines.

Inspector Martin reported to the Board that Apothca is moving to a new location in Town and will be co-locating medical and adult-use recreational marijuana. Apothca will have a hearing with the Board before being issued a permit to operate.

6. UPDATES:

Restaurant

Inspector Martin informed the Board that food establishment 2020 permit renewals went well. No new establishments have opened. Prime Your Trusted Butcher recently closed. Inspector Sullivan reported that Anthony's East Side Deli is in the process of changing ownership.

7. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

Director Waden informed the Board that this year it is an active flu season. Director Waden also discussed COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. She reported that the Department has participated in coronavirus conference calls hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and continue to follow guidance set forth by these agencies.

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