

## **BOH MEETING MINUTES 12-4-19**

Attending

Bridget Sweet, Chair

Timothy Cochrane, Member

Jeffrey Harris, Member

Also in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public Health, Virginia McNeil, Health Agent

**Meeting called to order 5:00 pm**

### **REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

Review of November, 2019 meeting minutes, accepted by Member Cochrane, and Chair Sweet. It was voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Reorganization of the Board of Health**

Chair Sweet explained that when there are new board members there is a reorganization of the board.

Chair Sweet asked the board members to nominate who they want to be the Chair of the Board of Health.

Motion made by member Cochrane for Chair Sweet to remain the Chair

Motion second by member Harris

Chair Sweet asked if one of the members would like to be Vice Chair. Member Cochrane stated he would like to be Vice Chair of the Board of Health.

Motion made by Member Harris that member Cochrane be Vice Chair of the Board of Health

Motion second by Chair Sweet

##### **B. Welcome the New Health Director Cathleen Liberty**

Chair Sweet asked the new Health Director to speak about her background. Liberty spoke to the board about her background in public health and Chair Sweet welcomed Cathleen, the new Health Director.

Chair Sweet gave accolades to David McKearney on doing such a great job as the Health Director for over 15 years who is retiring on January 2, 2020.

##### **C. Special Permit & Site Plan, Marijuana Cultivation Facility, 160 Grove Street.**

Director McKearney discussed the marijuana cultivation facility that will be expanding its business by supplying dispensaries in the Boston area and also opening a retail store which will most likely be a two phase project. The board reviewed the proposed septic system and Chair Sweet noted to send a standard Title 5 formal letter to the planning department. Director McKearney also noted that due to the odor issues at the facility the planning department is now requiring professional peer review for odor mitigation.

## **HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director McKearney submitted the Health Director Report and accepted to be placed on file. Director McKearney discussed a pre-cleaning issue at Ichigo Ichie Hibachi Table and the closure of Shiva Market. McNeil, the Health Agent, discussed the inspection and reinspection of Shiva Market. Chair Sweet noted that Shiva Market should go before the board at the January meeting due to the unsanitary issues being problematic and they should be inspected more than twice per year. McKearney noted that the EMC @55 called to make the health department aware that the fire suppression release occurred at the facility and they discarded the foods that were affected and hired a cleaning company on their own.

Director McKearney also discussed the spa at Residence Inn is being filled in, the temporary food event held at the Farmers Market, housing issues and septic inspections, perc tests and plan reviews that were conducted.

Director McKearney noted that there a list of future board of health meetings and a copy of Keeping of the Animals regulation in the packet for the board members to review along with the zoning table of uses.

Chair Sweet noted that she cannot make the April 4, 2020 meeting. The Board agreed to hold the April meeting on April 8, 2020. They also discussed not holding the July 1, 2020 meeting. All agreed no meeting will be held in July.

## **OTHER BUSINESS UNKNOWN AT TIME OF POSTING**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM – Vice Chair, Cochrane  
Second – Member, Harris

**Next Board of Health meeting will be on January 8, 2020.**

Cc: Board of Health Members  
Town Clerk