

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
Ashland Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland, MA
Meeting Room B/C

Diane Mortensen, Vice Chair
Ronald Etskovitz, Member
Mark Oram, Agent/Director

Chris Daniele, Clerk
Koduvayur Narayana, Member
Judith Teller, Member

Members Present:

Diane Mortensen, Chris Daniele, Ronald Etskovitz, Judith Teller

Members Absent:

Koduvayur Narayana

Others Present:

Mark Oram, Health Agent/Director
Laura Clifford, Administrative Secretary
Venetta Doulos, (former) Owner, Town House Pizza
Andreas Kondylis, (new) Owner, Town House Pizza

Call to Order

Ms. Mortensen called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and announced that the meeting was being audio recorded.

Welcome New Board of Health Member – Judi Teller

Board Members introduced themselves to Judi Teller and welcomed her as a new Member of the Board of Health.

Citizen's Participation

None.

Grease Trap Regulation Waiver Request – Town House Pizza

Mr. Oram noted that the new owner of Town House Pizza is here to request a waiver from Board of Health Regulations which require that an external grease trap be installed when there is a transfer of the business to a new owner. Mr. Oram explained there is an internal grease trap installed, and noted that he has received no complaints or concerns from the DPW. Mr. Oram recommended that the Board grant the waiver, based on past history. Venetta Doulos noted that the internal grease trap has always been maintained and cleaned once per week; the new owners will continue the same maintenance program.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to approve the request from Andreas Kondylis and Maria Stamoulis of Town House Pizza and Roast Beef to waive the requirement of Chapter 315, Section 11 of the Regulations and Specifications for Management of Fats, Oils and Grease, which requires the installation of an external grease interceptor, conditional to there being no reported issues to the DPW or the Board of Health. Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Discuss granting of authority to Health Agent/Director to approve Exterior Grease Trap Waivers and Bedroom Restrictions per DEP format

Mr. Oram noted that granting him the authority to approve grease trap waivers and bedroom restrictions per DEP and Title 5 Regulations, would be a convenience to the applicants and would not tie them up waiting for a Board of Health meeting to be held. Mr. Oram noted that most waivers, such as those being voted on tonight, are routine. If there were any unique issues to arise, he would bring them to the Board. Ms. Teller asked for clarification regarding the Bedroom Deed Restriction, how a home can be considered a 3-4 bedroom home when the septic system is designed for a 3 bedroom home. Mr. Oram noted it can happen when there is improper disclosure, or when a building permit is pulled and they go beyond what was allowed; granting a deed restriction ensures that buyers are aware of the allowed room count.

Mr. Oram explained that after the Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations were put in place, the Board agreed to consider granting waivers from the Regulations to smaller restaurants if they use disposable paper products and do not generate excessive amounts of oil.

Ms. Mortensen noted she is comfortable with Mr. Oram having the authority to issue Bedroom Deed Restrictions and Exterior Grease Trap Waivers, Mr. Etskovitz agreed. Mr. Oram noted he would only approve those that are in proper order, others he would bring to the Board.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to grant the current Health Agent/Director authority to approve the transfer of existing grease trap waivers and bedroom deed restrictions per DEP format. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Health Agent/Director's Agenda:

- Update on Farmer's Ram Market as determined on April 5, 2019 – Mr. Oram noted that Farmer's Ram Market is closed and has been cleaned out. They still hold the Tobacco Permit and have not yet relinquished it; Mr. Oram will speak with Town Counsel regarding the Permit, whether it can be revoked, or given out to another vendor. Mr. Oram noted that he received an inquiry regarding availability of a permit and interest in a potential Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Store. Mr. Oram advised the Board that they may want to look at Framingham's Regulations regarding Adult-Only Tobacco Retail Stores, which would restrict a business from being located within 500' from another tobacco retailer.
- 16 Gray Birch Road, Bedroom Deed Restriction Request – No further action from the Board of Health required.
- Receipt of donated funds to purchase a medical freezer for vaccines – Mr. Oram noted that Mr. Narayana donated \$219.99 for the purchase of a vaccine freezer, it will need to first be approved by the Select Board.
- Tobacco Agent status – Mr. Oram noted that Eliot Brown, our Tobacco Compliance Officer, has submitted a letter noting his retirement but agreed to stay on until we have someone else in place. The position will need to be advertised.
- Public Health Intern, start date and concentration – Caeli Teagan will be this summer's intern. Ms. Teagan is a student at Boston University's School of Public Health Master's Program; her project is to promote vaccine management and take the myth out of vaccine administrations. She will present her project to the Board and at her graduation in mid-August.

Review of Minutes – 5/7/2019

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of May 7, 2019 as presented. Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1. Motion approved (Ms. Teller abstained).

Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

Next meeting date: June 18, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

Health of Natural Gas – Mr. Oram noted that he has received multiple phone calls from the person who has been collecting signatures from Boards of Health to the Governor regarding natural gas. The Board agreed this may not be the appropriate time for this discussion.

Legislature HR 791 and HR 792 Re: Pesticides (Board agreed to wait and see what happens at the House)

Adult-Only Tobacco Retail Stores

Reorganization of the Board

Budget Committee Meeting Preparation to begin in June; invite Lisa Ugliodoro to a future meeting in July.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

ASHLAND BOARD OF HEALTH
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT THE 5/28/2019 MEETING
(All items stored in the Board of Health files unless otherwise noted)

1. Town House Pizza, Letter / Request from Exterior Grease Trap Waiver
2. Bedroom Deed Restriction – 16 Gray Birch Road
3. Draft Meeting Minutes – 5/7/2019
4. Audio Recording of the meeting is available