

**Maynard Board of Health Meeting**  
**April 25, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**(Hybrid – Town Hall and Zoom)**

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Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2023 – Meeting

The Maynard Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 23, 2023, at 6:30pm. Kathy McMillan and Lisa Thuot were present. Ivan Kwagala, Health Director, and Danielle Edmands, Health Inspector, were also in attendance.

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

A motion was made by K. McMillan and seconded by L. Thuot to open the Board of Health meeting at 6:33pm. The motion was supported unanimously.

### **II. Health Inspector Introduction**

The chair opened the floor to introduce Danielle. Danielle has environmental health experience, conducting food inspections and other environmental-related inspections.

### **III. Health Director Update**

The Board asked the Director about Thai Chili status. He said they hired a professional company to perform deep cleaning and pest control. Also, the Director updated the Board about inspections during March and April. He added there was a food-borne illness complaint at Wendy's. The Director investigated the complaint and noted improper chemical storage. He collected a list of all the employees who worked during the period before the complaint.

#### *Housing and Food*

In addition, there was a fire at 14 Powder Mill Circle. The Director condemned unit 14. As a result, the Housing Authority is working with Fire and the Building Departments for the next steps.

Also, there were two hoarding complaints. The Director contacted Lyn Faust from ClearPath to follow up on both complaints. She classified the two complaints as unhoarding conditions. The Director received a subpoena from 19 Parker owner's Attorney to serve as a witness in an ongoing housing case. He noted that the only outstanding violation before the subpoena was the dish machine not operating correctly.

Next, the Director received another housing complaint at 4 Percival Street concerning asbestos exposure during a renovation. The Director and MassDEP personnel investigated, but the owner denied access to collect samples to test for asbestos.

Danielle and the Director scheduled a meeting with the Farmers Market organizer. Taste for Motion is setting up an event with food vendors in May. The Director said Danielle would lead in scheduling and inspecting the food vendors.

#### *Title V*

For Title V, the Director has completed his class and field training and is scheduled for his final exam. The Board asked the Director about hiring the Title V contractor, and he responded that he spoke to one, but he wanted to draft a contract. As a result, the Director asked him to

prepare a contract to send to the Town Administrator for processing. Next, the Board asked the Director about the number of septic tanks in town. The Director said there are 56-58 systems in town.

#### *Public Health Nursing*

The Director met with the Town of Concord and agreed on the nursing position. The Director and Concord drafted a job description for the work.

#### *COVID-19 Update*

The COVID pandemic is ending on May 11, 2023. The Director said all the mandates or restrictions would be lifted and concluded that there were vaccine changes. He explained that the monovalent vaccines are no longer authorized in the United States. Therefore, the Department of Public Health recommends that all residents get at least one bivalent dose regardless of previous monovalent vaccines vaccine if six years or older. For 65 years and older residents, DPH recommends one bivalent vaccine and a second optional dose.

#### **IV. Other Updates**

Public health is leading in setting up a program for Opioid Abatement Funding. The Director met with DPH and the Recovery Center to connect public health with people with lived experiences of opioid addiction. The Recovery Center is going to help in planning the program. The Director is going to start planning in the fall after gathering information. The Board asked if other towns in MetroWest Shared Services are willing to collaborate in setting up a program for Opioid Abatement Funds. The Director said the two are working separately on this program. He added that he would use MetroWest Shared Services personnel (community workers and epidemiologists) to develop the program. Lastly, the Board asked if Camellia Gardens Gracious Retirement Living has a food permit. The Director requested Danielle to check if they had a food permit. Finally, Lisa provided an update on solid waste and recycling.

#### **V. Approve meeting minutes.**

The Board of Health motioned to accept the April 28, 2023, minutes, with some modifications.

#### **VII. Other (Public Comments)**

No public comments

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The Board of Health motioned to adjourn from April 25, 2023, at 7:31pm for the Board of Health meeting.

**Meeting closed: 7:31 p.m.**