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Maynard Board of Health Meeting
May 23, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Office of Municipal Services Conference Room (Lower Level)

Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2023 – Meeting

The Maynard Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Kathy McMillan, Lisa Thuot, and Jodi Larkin were present, and Ivan Kwagala, health director, was also in attendance.

I. Call Meeting to Order

A motion was made by K. McMillan and seconded by J. Larkin to open the Board of Health meeting at 6:38 PM. The motion was supported unanimously.

II. Public Health Director Update

The Board asked if Danelle went to Camelia Gardens. The Board was wondering if they have a food permit.

The public health division has adopted the new 105 CMR 410:000: Chapter II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation. The amended housing code regulations went into effect on May 12, 2023. The Director highlighted the changes in previous Board of Health meetings, such as the structure change. In the amended housing code, they group items under three categories: building and plumbing, electrical and fire, and health and safety. Also, the regulatory citation sections have changed. The Director provided copies of the amended housing code to the Board.

Food establishment

The Director received plans for Assabet CO.OP Market at 86 Powder Mill Road, Maynard, MA 01754. The Director is planning to conduct the final pre-operation inspection. He expects the grand opening to occur in the following weeks after the final pre-operation inspection. Also, there is a newly proposed restaurant at 76 Main Street. The Board has the Director of the restaurant's name, but he responded that the restaurant is in the beginning phase and the name is not finalized. He is expecting final plans for the restaurant to begin reviewing them. Next, Danielle plans to contact Magnolia to set up a pre-operation inspection before obtaining a food permit.

The Director and Inspector Danielle met with Chris Rees, the Farmers Market organizer, to discuss the inspection process and the food safety requirements. Danielle is taking the lead to inspect and coordinate with the organizer with scheduling and connecting to the vendors.

Housing

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The Director plans to conduct a final re-inspection of a rooming house at 135 Main Street. The Director had challenges contacting the owner. He sent an Order to Correct, but the Order still needs to be delivered. Then he contacted the owner to set a time for a re-inspection. The owner corrected all the violations except a structure damage violation in one of the rooms. Next, the Director granted an extension for the owner to repair the structural damage in room 7.

II. Other Updates

The Director met with Irene Congdon (Central Mass Municipal Assistance Coordinator) to amend and revise Maynard's Solid Waste and Recycling. The Director plans to invite her to the next Board of Health meeting to discuss the purpose of amending Maynard's Solid Waste and Recycling. A significant change is to bundle service for haulers to provide trash and recycling.

MetroWest Shared Services have hired a new inspector that will work in Maynard. The Director asked the Board to appoint Casey Mellin as an inspector for the town of Maynard. The BOH chair K. McMillan motioned to appoint Casey Mellin as an inspector for Maynard. L. Thuot seconded the motion.

The Board requested an update for 19 Parker Street. The Director responded that the last complaint he received was about the dish machine not functioning, and the other complaint was about the owner not maintaining his lawn. The Director added that no laws or regulations require the owner to keep their lawn. L. Thuot provided an update on the solid waste task force. Lastly, Danelle gave an update about swimming pools in the town. She is concerned that the operators are not keeping the proper documentation (Virginia Graeme Baker documents) onsite and standard procedures when contacting emergency services before the pool inspections.

VII. Approve meeting minutes.

The Board of Health motioned to accept the minutes of April 25, 2023.

VII. Other (Public Comments)

No public comments

IX. Adjournment

The Board of Health motioned to adjourn from May 23, 2023, at 7:09pm for the Board of Health meeting.

Meeting closed: 7:09pm