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**Maynard Board of Health Meeting
June 27, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Office of Municipal Services Conference Room (Lower Level)**

Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2023 – Meeting

The Maynard Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 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 6:30 pm. The motion was supported unanimously.

II. Public Health Director Update

The Board asked the Director about Art's Specialties in attending the hearing. The Director noted that the owner of Art's would not attend the meeting. Next, The Board asked how often we inspect licensed food establishments, and the Director said that they are inspected twice yearly (at least every six months). Also, the Board discussed the previous history of Arts.

Notification from MassDEP and DPH

The Director received an email from DPH about mosquito cases press release. DPH recommends that local public health issues a press release that includes the disease background, precautions for residents to protect themselves, and proofing homes.

He stated that we are in the mosquito season. The season runs from June to October. He mentioned that we are concerned about Arboviruses West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The Director provided background on West Nile Virus, stating that transmitted by Culex mosquitos, and when they feed on infected birds, they transfer the virus to human beings. But 80% of those bitten by infected mosquitoes are asymptomatic. In addition, 20% would develop West Nile Virus. Last, 1% would develop neuroinvasive disease. On the contrary, for EEE, there is a 33% mortality rate, and those who recover suffer severe brain damage. For those reasons, the Director is taking action to monitor cases for WVN and EEE. Lastly, the Director stated that this month there are no incidence cases.

Second, the Director also updated the Board about notification requirements for sanitary sewer overflow. He stated that if there is an SSO due to an overflow, spill, release, discharge, or diversion of untreated or practically treated wastewater and encounters surface water, then the Board of Health must issue a public health warning. That notifies the residents not to contact the affected body and posts a sign at the affected water body.

Compliant

The Director received a complaint from 19 Parker Street concerning potential cross-wiring. The Director and the wiring inspector visited the location and found that the occupant had three electrical panels in her account. In addition, there was no electricity on the third floor. The

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Director and the electrical inspector explained the procedure for investigating cross-wiring with the occupant. Also, he instructed the occupant to restore power on the third floor before the cross-wiring investigation. Then the Director offered to reschedule the investigation. Notably, the Director's role was to investigate, determine if there was cross-wiring, and provide a copy of the report to the occupant to Eversource for their enforcement.

On the other hand, the Director received another complaint from 5 Apple Ridge about an occupant burning trash in their unit. Further, the neighbor was concerned about the burning of trash and the lingering smoke after burning. Following this, fire and police conducted their investigation and concluded that there is no indication of trash burning in the occupant unit. In addition, the Director also spoke with the occupant about the complaint, and at the end of the discussion, the occupant explained that they only burn wood at 5 am. And they purchase wood from a Market Basket. In fact, they provided a copy of the ordered wood to the Director. Lastly, the Director concluded that he would follow up when he received another complaint.

II. Other Updates

The Director received an email from DPW about a resident requesting to use gray water for irrigation. Following the Director spoke with MassDEP staff to see if using gray water is acceptable. MassDEP staff concluded that the practice is not permitted per Title V regulations. In contrast, the Director issued the Farmers Market vendors and asked Casey, the Shared Service inspector to inspect the vendors. Also, the Director received three camp applications. Further, he received all documentation about the camp policies. With this purpose, he plans to follow up on the camps. On the other hand, the Director issued Magnolia a permit. Also, he approved another restaurant at 76 Main Street. Lastly, the Director met with the town attorneys to discuss 185 Main Street and Railroad litigation. As a result, the attorneys advised the Director to contact owners or their representatives before amending the litigation suits.

VII. Other (Public Comments)

No public comments

IX. Adjournment

The Board of Health motioned to adjourn from June 27, 2023, at 7:26pm for the Board of Health meeting.

Meeting closed: 7:26pm