## Board of Health Meeting Board Members in Office September 13, 2021

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Present in Office: Paul Armstrong, Chairman; Mark MacDonald, Vice Chair; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Acting Director; Dan Thompson, Associate Director; Kathleen Duddy, Administrative Assistant; Teresa Flynn, Public Health Nurse

Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:09 p.m.

**The Mug**, Food Violations: Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. David Bostwick to speak. Mr. Bostwick apologized to the Board for letting the Mug get to the state of needing to be closed by the Town. Mr. Bostwick stated that he once had 36 employees and is now down to 14 employees. Mr. Bostwick said he changed the person in charge and was working on having more employees get "ServSafe Certified". Mr. Bostwick explained that the Mug is now closed on Mondays for cleaning and that they were able to address all the violations within a few hours. Mr. Bostwick also stated that the hood will now be cleaned/serviced every 90 days. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Bostwick for taking care of the problem quickly but it should have never gotten to that point. (6:18)

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Thompson about the recent food inspections. Mr. Thompson spoke of some establishments not responding in a timely fashion such as the Hop. Mr. Armstrong said that the Board of Health is setting time lines for addressing violations. Any inspection with two or more violations will need to be addressed within 48 hours. Mr. MacDonald reviewed the report for Mama Mia's and noted two violations on page one and more on page two with more detail of the concerns on page three. It was pointed out that violations are only from page one because page one addresses things that will cause foodborne illness risk factors and public health interventions. Page two covers good retail practices and Massachusetts-only sections. Page three goes into detail of the concerns flagged on the first two pages. Ms. Duddy spoke of some establishments taking their time getting paperwork back that the Health Department requires. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Armstrong stated that Alsco's inspectors should notify the Health Department immediately if there are two or more violations so violations can be addressed in a timely fashion. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. MacDonald pointed out that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Russell have the authority to close an establishment if needed. It was suggested to send a flyer to all the establishments that the Health Department will be using a 48 hour time limit to correct violations. It was also suggested that the flyer include where to order equipment such as a vomit kit, etc. so the establishment has no excuse for not addressing a problem. Mr. Armstrong asked about the inspection of dumpsters and it was pointed out that the second page of the report has a section for "Physical Facilities". The Board reviewed and discussed the food establishment reports.

**Board of Health Nurse's Updates**: Ms. Flynn spoke about the need for people to isolate and/or quarantine and how it could be enforced. Ms. Flynn went over the CDC procedures for isolating and/or quarantining and the requirements for a "close contact", with and without being vaccinated. Ms. Flynn said to contact her to get the requirements. Ms. Flynn stated that the town has testing equipment for COVID and that a person would contact her to set up an appointment to be tested at the shed located in the town

hall parking lot (and not have people come in the building). It was suggested that if the clinic starts to get busy that the Health Department ask Ms. Nancy Masiello who worked in the Health Department before to help. (6:55)

**FY '22 Budget and FY '23 Budget**: The discussion moved to what Mr. Patrick Dello Russo (Treasure/Collector) and Mr. Michael Maresco (Town Administrator) had set for the Health Department. It was pointed out that this year had no money in the Consulting Services. Mr. Russell was told by both Mr. Maresco and Mr. Dello Russo that it was not a problem, that funds can be moved from other items.

Mr. Russell talked about the **Conservation's 505 regulations** and barrier beaches and how the 505 copied the town of Duxbury. Mr. Armstrong suggested that Mr. Russell ask Mr. Joe "Flood" Rossi if he had anything to offer regarding the 505. Mr. Armstrong suggested that Mr. Russell get input from Grady Consulting, Morse Engineering and Stenbeck and Taylor regarding the 505.

The Board had a conversation that went from soil inspections to inspections of **mobile food** units. The food truck that was in question had been inspected this morning. Mr. Armstrong said to make sure that the water hoses used by food trucks were for potable water and not someone's garden hose. This comment was in reference to the Lobster Fest.

7:35pm; Motion to adjourn, seconded and all said yes.

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