

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

MARCH 8, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Robert Barrell, Beverly Salate, Lisa Henderson, and Celia Hartigan

Members absent: N. Alan Harris

Also present: Phil Leger (Chief of Environmental Health and Response), Mike Mendez (Regional Public

Health Specialist), and Marie Graves (Prevention Specialist)

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Pay Bills: Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes were approved for the February meeting.

Residential Kitchen: Home-based food businesses are allowed within specific regulatory limitations. It is strictly limited to the preparation of non-potentially hazardous foods (non-PHFs), such as baked goods, confectioneries, jams and jellies. Non-PHFs, such as cakes and cookies, which have PHF ingredients, are acceptable. The preparation and sale of potentially hazardous foods (PHF) such as cream-filled pastries, cheesecake, custard and other foods which can support the growth of disease-causing bacteria are strictly prohibited. The state is going to be creating new food regulations called "cottage foods," in either April, or May of this year. Where new changes are going to be created at the State level, no new local regulations will be created at this time.

CMRPHA Updates:

- Marie Graves (Prevention Specialist), co-chair for RRAP (Regional Response to Addiction Prevention), attended the meeting to share her input in regards to how she works with getting communities prepared, parent awareness, and helping schools find appropriate curriculum for Opioid awareness.
- 2. Mike Mendez (Regional Public Health Specialist) gave his report of inspections and complaints that he conducted in West Boylston during the past month. There were a total of 8 food establishment inspections, two housing complaints, and one nuisance complaint.
- 3. Mr. Mendez added that Keeper's Pub (175 West Boylston Street) is temporarily closed for some updates and repairs by the owner. They are hoping to re-open by mid-March.
- 4. The next quarterly Alliance meeting will be at the West Boylston Town Hall, on March 29th from 11 AM-1 PM.

<u>Body Art Regulations:</u> The State does not regulate body art, but where there are two body art establishments in West Boylston, the decision to create body art regulations for the Town was made. This will allow proper regulations to be followed in accordance to MA General Laws. A proposed draft was created, and a public hearing will be held in April.

Sewer Connection: 137 Shrewsbury Street's new owner has connected to the sewer. The septic abandonment will be witnessed by the Board of Health engineer Jay Finlay, of Finlay Engineering.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn by Mrs. Salate, seconded by Ms. Henderson and voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman	N. Alan Harris, MD, Vice Chairman
Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN	Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH
Lisa M. Henderson, RN, LSW	