

City of Chelsea

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Sept 9, 2016
5:00 PM – Public Library

Attendance:

BOH: Christopher Miller (Chair), Dean Xerras, Catherine Maas, Madeleine Scammell, Luis Prado (Agent/HHS), Joan Cromwell (public health nurse/HHS), Bonnie Carroll (Tobacco Control Officer).

Absent: Emmanuel Tellez.

Public Comment: none.

Minutes: June meeting minutes included the approval of minutes sent by Madeleine November, December, February and May. Luis took minutes in June. Emmanuel took minutes in July/August.

Public Health Nurse Report: Source of Salmonella food poisoning was identified and mitigated. Joan is leaving Chelsea to take a job at MassDPH as a public health nurse advisor in the TB surveillance department. We are sad to see her go; she has been great for this year. There is no replacement for her (in sentiment and fact).

Tobacco Control Report: City solicitor has closed all open cases, which is hooray. We'll have a new City Clerk is being hired who will work with Tobacco control officer going forward.

Of Nine inspections this summer, five had violations. Concern that new regs (effective March 15, 2016) have not been understood. Bonnie drafted a letter to all Tobacco retailers summarizing in very clear language (again) what the new regulations are, rather than issuing tickets for the five violations. She will add the city website with link to the regulations to the letter (even though she has given them the regs and the link to them in the past). Chris moved that we approve the letter provided by Bonnie with inclusion of link to regs. Seconded by Madeleine. Approved by all.

Bonnie also requested permission to ticket for the additional flavored products on the list provided by MAHB on August 1, 2016. Moved by Madeleine, seconded by Chris. Approved by all.

Bonnie also received a request to establish an adult only retail store. In such stores they can sell flavored products. The board had not previously discussed adult stores. However, we have a cap on permits (58) and do not know if we have met that cap, if there is a waiting list, or not. **Bonnie and Luis will meet with the incoming City Clerk to discuss the permitting process, find out how many permits there are presently, and discuss a process for issuing permits in the future.**

Drug paraphernalia. What is the process? Bonnie will notify Luis if she finds paraphernalia in a store and Luis will notify the police (state law is that paraphernalia cannot be sold). Bonnie also shared the drug paraphernalia ban passed by the City of Melrose for the Board's consideration.

Region 4 A-B Merger: It is happening and there are meetings... but Luis is not aware of what will happen going forward, who will participate, or how this will affect us.

FEMA trainings: Soldier's home hosted a training on what to do if there is a drinking water emergency or complete lack of water for use of fighting fires or managing waste. Luis attended.

Other:

Streff Treadwell joined the meeting. City email addresses: under public records law, any document, email or communication with a public official or employee is public record. BOH members would like city email addresses.

Restaurant inspection reports. The Board is late filing with the State. The Board expressed their grievance to Mr. Treadwell that we have regularly for over 10 years requested reports of restaurant inspections to no avail.

Public Hearing: We have been asked by City Government to reconsider the language: "All residents and commercial establishments *utilizing the City's solid waste collection services* are required to separate the following recyclables..."

The revision will read: "All residents and commercial establishments *in the City of Chelsea* are required to separate the following recyclables..."

Motion to approve the language change made by Chris, seconded by Cate, unanimous approval.

Next mtg: October 11, 2016 (Madeleine will be out of town). November meeting TBD based on elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Scammell