

Board of Health Minutes-December 11, 2023

Norwood Senior Center

Meeting is Recorded

PRESENT:

Kathleen F. Bishop, Chairman

Joan M. Jacobs, Member

Carolyn Riccardi, Member

Stacey Lane, Superintendent/Director

Angelo De Luca, Environmental Health Agent

Jennifer Bartucca, Senior Administrative Assistant

Diana Hillery, Public Health Nurse

Kyle Simpson, Sanitarian

Abbie Atkins, Assistant Director

1. Approval of Minutes

October 23, 2023

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023

Vote: Unanimous

2. New Business

Assistant Director: Commercial kennel inspection and licensing

The Assistant Director appeared before the Board to discuss commercial kennel inspections and licensing. Commercial kennels are becoming more common and licensing them will give the Animal Control Officers the ability to conduct regular inspections to make sure they are complaint with the state laws.

Motion made and seconded to approve setting fees for commercial kennel licenses to \$150 for the initial year and \$100 for the renewals.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Old Business

3.1 Public Health Nurse Report

The Public Health Nurse reviewed the current recommendations for being exposed to Covid-19. Free Covid test kits are available at the Health Department.

3.2 **Environmental Health Inspector Report**

Update List

Norwood Country Club: Anti-choke class has been scheduled.

New Food Establishment Report

Little Tony's, Furlong's and NexDine have opened since the last Board Meeting.

Inspection/Re-inspection Report

Cafe Fresh Bagel: All critical violations were corrected during inspection.

CVS: Rodent droppings found in back storage areas.

Paradise: All items were corrected at re-inspection.

Q'Sabor: All items were corrected at re-inspection.

Norwood Healthcare: Re-inspection is this week.

Yamato: Re-inspection is this week.

4. Director's Update

The NC8 Shared Services Arrangement will be using the Public Health Excellence (PHE) grant to hire three regional positions: health inspector, epidemiologist and public health nurse. The nurse will be housed in Dedham and the other two positions will be housed in Norwood, but all three will work regionally across seven communities.

The Town of Norwood has received the State Opioid Abatement Funds and Special Town Meeting has appropriated the funds to the Health Department. Projects and initiatives the funds may be used for are harm reduction and prevention education programs. Narcan training and the installation of opioid overdose rescue kits (SAMBOX) in public buildings and schools are strategies that are being explored.

5. Board's Agenda

The Board would like to wish the residents of Norwood a happy and safe holiday season.

6. Next Meetings

February 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM

March 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM

April 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM

7. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 AM

Vote: Unanimous