

MEETING MINUTES
February 21st 2024

Call to Order: Laurel Skinder Gourville, BOH chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Wakefield Board of Health: Laurel Skinder Gourville, Chair, Elaine Silva, Vice Chair, Candace Linehan, secretary,

Administration Present: Cindy Luongo, Wakefield Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, , Melissa Lowry, PHN Melrose, Wakefield and Stoneham. Sandra Brown Wakefield PT PHN, ,Erin Carleo Senior Environmental; Health Specialist, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Rose Via zoom Daniel Thompson, Health inspector for Wakefield,

Public Engagement: no comments/ many residents on the zoom meeting as well as Mark Sardella Wakefield Item reporter.

Approval of minutes: Wakefield minutes of January 17th 2024 Linehan motions, seconded by Silva. Motion passes 3-0-0 by roll call vote.

Public Hearing: Green Spa (446 Main Street) Permit Denial Appeal Jack Milgrim Attorney representing Green Spa requesting a continuance at the beginning of the hearing, Shuying Du would request a variance and this would clear up any pending issues. Director Chui stated that Green Spa was closed for operating without a permit since December 31st 2023. The establishment was issued a cease and desist on February 2nd . The BOH granted the continuance. Chair Gourville stated they will have to remain closed until the matter was resolved.

Public Hearing: Be Your Own Light (602 Main Street) Permit Denial. Xinyun Liu owner of the business and an interpreter was present. December 22nd Be Your Own Light applied for business certificate. They were advertising massage and bodywork. On 1/29, the health department, Wakefield PD, and the Massachusetts Massage Regulation board investigated the establishment. They found that they were operating without a license and have since issued an order to cease and desist. One of the workers admitting to sleeping there overnight. The owners were also fined \$1,000 by the Massachusetts Massage Board. On Tuesday February 6th the health department paid another visit to the establishment and confronted a customer leaving who said they had just received a back massage. The interpreter said the owner did not speak English and thought a business certificate was the only permit required. She claimed a friend made a mistake on the website and advertised massage. The BOH motioned to hold the cease and desist order, denying the establishment a permit.

Franklin School Condo Complex 100 Nahant St: dumpster permit late fee Present at the meeting was Gina DeFrancesco , Bella Ferrara of the Dartmouth Group management and Gayle Merrithew of condo trustee. Gina from the Dartmouth group said they are new and unaware of the process. The former management company handled the permit in 2022 and did not pass along the information. The BOH waived the late fee since effort was made to apply on time.

Discussion of updates to Wakefield Bodywork Regulations Erin Carleo, Sr Environmental Health specialist and Health inspector Dan Thompson were on the meeting. Director Chui shared his screen to display the suggested [updates and proposed changes](#) to the current [Wakefield bodywork regulations](#). Any establishment that has a current permit or who is not permitted but advertising bodywork will be notified. The next BOH meeting in March will be a public hearing to vote on the changes.

Discussion of communication: deferred till next meeting

Health Directors Report : Feng's had a grease fire and since reopened after an inspection.

Next BOH meeting is March 27th 2024 6:30 PM

Linehan motions to adjourn for Wakefield, seconded by Silva motion passed by roll call 3-0-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Dye', written in a cursive style.

Board of Health Wakefield, Clerk