

**MEETING MINUTES**

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Laurel Skinder Gourville, BOH chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Laurel Skinder Gourville, Chair, Elaine Silva, Vice Chair, Candace Linehan, secretary

**Administration Present:** Cindy Luongo, Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Health Inspector Daniel Thompson and Wakefield, Melrose and Stoneham, Catherine Dhingra, Human Services assistant director. Summer Intern Madison Dahlgren

**Public Engagement:** Board of Health Chair Gourville suggest while waiting for BOH member Silva to get on the meeting under public participation we introduce Madison Dahlgren our summer intern. Madison gives a brief introduction, a graduate of UMASS in May, and is getting her Masters in Public Health and Policy in the Fall

**Approval of minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023:** Linehan motions, seconded by Gourville. Motion passed 2-0- by roll call vote.

**Prevention and Human Service Update:** Catherine Dhingra gives an update on [Human Services](#).

- Wake-Up Highlights
- Community Health Outreach/Department Collaborations
- Human Service & Heating Assistance Numbers
- Grant Proposals Updates

**Joe's Ice Cream truck permit discussion:** Rasheed Alananzeh and Josef Alananzeh were present as owners of Joe's Ice Cream. Anthony Chui gives a backstory. On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> a meeting with Josef and Rasheed regarding the recent issues on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the festival by the lake and then on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, at Lake Q dispute with another ice cream vendor. Also discussed were the Walton school issues, operating in Wakefield without a permit. They were asked not to operate until this meeting. They were operating in Stoneham yesterday without a permit. Rasheed said it could have been a private event they attended to but needed to check the calendar and they are only operating in Reading where they have a permit. Rasheed said his father does not speak English and does not understand. Rasheed said his telephone number is on the truck if there are ever any problems and he also said he is not disputing some issues in the past but believes people are taking advantage of the fact that he does speak English well. They have cameras on the truck to protect them. The board's suggestion was a pocket talk tutorial with the health department. Rasheed said the device does not pick up his dad's dialect. BOH chair Gourville said The Stoneham BOH would have to address the issues with Stoneham. The Board suggested that Joe's ice cream truck be placed on a probationary permit and if there is another incident they would have to revoke his permit. They are also to submit the necessary documents and have an inspection to get the permit for this season. Linehan said how can we support this other than a probationary period, Linehan feels we could

end up back here if something else is not done. Anthony Chui said communicating with the WPD would be helpful in this situation. Silva motioned that Joe's Ice Cream complete proper paperwork to get a current permit and present a plan to us. This plan will help him to be able to communicate with those that do not speak his language and what he would do if he found himself in a situation with others that don't understand him., seconded by Linehan, motion passed by roll call 3 o o.

**Lisa Gyros Variance:** Health Inspector Dan Thompson has been reviewing the food plan review for the new Lisa's Gyros located at 650 Main St (same owners as Lisa's Pizza in Wakefield and Melrose) said after speaking to DPH Diane Bernazardi a variance will not be necessary, as a secondary kill step after taking the gyros off the vertical broiler will be used.

**Festival by the Lake re-cap:** Director Anthony Chui said event was successful, all BOH members attending , tables set up was great with all 3 tables separating the 3 main functions, mosquitos and ticks, covid kits, apples,

**Vote to approve Anthony Chui as the signatory for MassHealth CAC Designated Organization Agreement & Vote to adopt policies and procedures for the MassHealth CAC project.:** Anthony Chui Wakefield Jason Stone and Melrose Colin McGowan's social service coordinators are being trained as Mass Health Coordinators. Chui said no vote would be necessary. Wakefield's Town Councilor Thomas Mullen has been contacted and the decision to have Wakefield Town Administrator Steve Maio be the signatory for MassHealth as he is for 90 % of the grants.

- **Public Health Nurse Update:** Anthony Chui gave an update. Camps in Wakefield are in great shape our PHN's Melissa Lowry and Sandra Brown are working around the clock to get the campus ready for this season reviewing paperwork and regulations with them to in order. They are still monitoring the MAVEN cases and working with Jenn McDonald Wakefield's communications director on monthly articles. They have been doing a lot of work with COA and blood pressure clinics and also held a nutrition lecture on the Benefits of Dark Chocolate to Cardiovascular Health at the Senior Center. Solicited information from attendees for future topics of interest.

**Adjournment:** Silva motioned to adjourn, seconded by Linehan 07:40 p.m. Motion passed 3-0 by a roll call vote. Next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> 6 PM

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo

