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Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on January 17, 2023

The meeting began at 5:00 PM and was held at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood.

Members Present: Roger L. Christian, M.D., Chairperson
Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N
Shelley Reeve, R.N., B.S.N., J.D.

Staff Present: Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director
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Margaret M. Sullivan, R.N., M.S.N., Public Health Nurse
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Others Present: Raul Pedroso
Maicon Vilas Boas

Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2022

Ms. Ahearn moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Christian seconded, approved 2-0-0. Ms. Reeve was not at The previous meeting and abstains from voting on the minutes.

Vote to approve issuance of Body Art Establishment license at Dom Astro Tattoo Company, 286 Providence Highway, Westwood, MA 02090

Mr. Orsini provides the Board with documents submitted with the online application from the Dom Astro Tattoo Company, the owner and another representative are here from the establishment as well. The Board reviews the documents and Dr. Christian moves to approve the license to be issued once all sign off requirements and inspections are completed by the Health Dept., Ms. Reeve seconded, approved 3-0-0.

Vote to approve Body Art Practitioner license for Raul Pedroso

Mr. Pedroso has been a Body Art Practitioner since 2014 and he has worked in Brazil, Florida and most recently in New Hampshire. The local Board of Health is the licensing authority in MA and the Board will need to vote on the license for Mr. Pedroso to operate in Westwood. Ms. Ahearn questions how confidentiality

is handled in the event a client has a medical condition. Mr. Vilas Boas interprets for Mr. Pedroso and he explains that there is a form each client must complete and it stays in their file. There is also an age requirement of 18 for anyone coming in for a tattoo or body piercing.

There will be additional staff hired and other Body Art Practitioners will have to obtain a permit from the Health Department as well. Ms. Reeve makes a motion to approve the Body Art Practitioner license for Raul Pedroso, pending all sign off requirements are met, Dr. Christian seconded, approved 3-0-0.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan provides the Board with some written information regarding COVID cases 2021 vs 2022. It is difficult to assess exactly how many cases are out there, because there has been a big drop in residents reporting home test results. We are still providing guidance for anyone who contacts us with questions.

There was 1 case of Lyme and 1 case of Norovirus reported in MAVEN and an unusual report of Legionellosis. This case was not respiratory in nature, it was limited to a skin infection, which is very unusual.

There was a suspected case of Mumps, which did not turn out to be the diagnosis after all.

Ms. Sullivan encourages residents to get their flu shot now, it appears this vaccine is a close match to the flu virus this year.

Health Director Report:

Mr. Orsini reports that there is a lot going on in the department at this time, including hazmat inspections, housing issues, waste & septage hauler renewals and food inspections.

The school covid task force recently contacted Mr. Orsini with concerns about engaging the community regarding awareness of the uptick in respiratory illnesses. Mr. Orsini drafted a memo to send out to the residents in both the WIRE and community newsletter, the Board gave their approval.

New COVID home test kits have arrived with an expiration date of August 2023 and they will be made available at various municipal buildings for residents.

Meeting adjourned 6:10PM