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Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on January 3, 2024

The meeting began at 4:00PM 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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Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2023

Dr. Christian moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Ahearn seconded, approved 3-0-0.

Inspector's Report:

Ms. Edwards provides the Board with a report of her inspections for the past month. She attended a lead training in Worcester and has obtained her certification for lead inspections. Food Code Pro, the new inspection software, will have training sessions soon and we will start using the software by February.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan provides the Board with a report for the past month. There have been about 48 cases of COVID reported in MAVEN. There are some home test kits we ordered and we will make them available at Town buildings. There were also about 11 cases of flu reported as well. Ms. Sullivan is still following her TB patient, which is a 9-month process and it is a combination of in person & video appointments. Dr. Christian asks what happens once treatment is complete and Ms. Sullivan explains there is no additional follow up required once the case is closed by DPH.

Health Director Report:

Waste hauler, septage hauler and disposal works installer renewals have been completed, there are a few septage trucks that we will need to be inspected. Casa Loca restaurant has closed and the next tenant will not be a restaurant.

Chiara has also closed; the owners have retired and another restaurant will be taking over their space at some point in 2024. The new Pine Hill school has applied for their food permit and is expected to open after February vacation.

Public Hearing- Vote to revise Westwood Board of Health Regulation entitled, "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Dumpsters". Proposed policies in the draft regulation include but are not limited to the following;

- Defining permanent and temporary dumpsters
- Altering hours when loading and picking up dumpsters is permitted
- Removing the exception for loading and emptying times for dumpsters located in areas zoned as business, commercial, and industrial
- Establishing procedures for routine cleaning and deodorizing permanent dumpsters

Mr. Orsini has not received any feedback from the public regarding the proposed changes to the dumpster regulations; the legal ad has been in the paper for the past 3 weeks.

Mr. Orsini provides a copy of the draft regulation to the Board and he has highlighted the areas that would need to be revised in order to concur with the new solid waste by-law.

The Board discusses the proposed policies and Dr. Christian makes a motion to approve the Westwood Board of Health Regulation entitled, "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Dumpsters" Ms. Reeve seconded, approved 3-0-0.

Ms. Reeve has recently informed Mr. Orsini that she is moving out of Westwood and she will no longer be a member of the Board of Health after this meeting. The staff and Board members thank her for her service and wish her well.

Meeting adjourned 4:45PM