



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Town of Holden
Board of Health Meeting – Remote Meeting
October 20, 2020

Members Present - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Michelle O'Rourke

Others Present: Mr. Phil Leger – Chief Regional Public Health Specialist, Pamela Harding – Director Planning & Development, Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director, MMA

Michael Mazloff Motioned for the Public Hearing to begin at 5:33 PM

- D.J. Wilson reviewed the Board of Health Regulation entitled “Restricting the Sales of Tobacco Products”
- Michael Mazloff asked if there were changes in the level of fines.
- D.J. answered yes, built into this are mandated state fines.
- Michael Mazloff made a motion to accept the new state standard regulations with the effective date of December 31, 2020. Michelle O'Rourke seconded the motion. APPROVED
- D.J. will send the final Draft for signature

Public Hearing Closed 5:55 PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 15, 2020

- Michael Mazloff made a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes, Michelle seconded the motion. APPROVED

Mobil

- Michael Mazloff stated a number of complaints were received about Mobil and lack of wearing masks. An email was received from a resident Friday 10/16/20 stating the employees were not wearing masks on 3 different occasions that the patron had gone there that week. Michael went there himself on 10/20/20 and also observed the employees not wearing masks.
- Phil Leger said he went there as well and spoke to Carlos, the manager, he sent him information on directional signage, etc.
- Michael Mazloff would like to contact the Department of Labor Standards and let them know that even after receipt of their letter the town is still receiving complaints and he himself observed them not wearing masks. At this time a fine should be issued, does everyone agree?
- Pam Harding agreed and stated they have been verbally warned multiple times and have received written warning from the DOLS and still are not wearing masks. Michelle O'Rourke agreed with Pam.
- Phil Leger said he doesn't think the DOLS will issue a fine he thinks we will have to do it
- Michael Mazloff said the email Bruce Fletcher from DOLS said otherwise, Pam agreed.
- Phil asked Pam to send him the email

- Michael Mazloff looking at Danielle's report there were a lot of complaints about businesses in town not wearing masks, this particular business received a letter from the Department of Labor Standards and didn't follow through with what was asked. The email stated a \$900 fine, \$300 per violation, there were 3 violations.
- Pam Harding – in my opinion Phil went there and gave verbal warnings and he was given a written warning. That is a highly traveled traffic area and it is unsafe for the Dunkin Donuts employees who are following the mandated rules.

Michael Mazloff made a motion to vote to recommend the DOLS issue a fine of \$300 for the continued violations related to COVID-19 requirements being conducted at the Mobil station located at 1175 Main Street in Holden. The business owner has been notified with three verbal warnings and a written warning from DOLS. Mr. Carlos Elkhoury was unresponsive in providing a COVID 19 plan and the Board of Health has received numerous complaints from the public about lack of employees wearing masks. On October 20 the Board of Health Chair witnessed employees working in the public retail area without masks. The owner claims medical issues prevent him and one staff person from wearing masks; however, other staff have been observed without masks. This behavior has been found to pose a public health risk. The fine of \$300 in lieu of \$900 is recommended because the owner expressed willingness to make changes, such as the wearing of face shields, and has installed proper signage and social distancing floor markers in the retail area. Michelle O'Rourke seconded the motion - APPROVED

Title V – Phil Leger– Chief Regional Public Health Specialist

Phil Leger reviewed the following Title V list:

- **Inspections Completed**
 - 178 Mason Road – Passes
 - 45 Putnam Road – Passes
- **Systems Being Installed**
 - 57 Mill Street
 - 138 South Road
 - 712 Malden Street
- **Systems Being Repaired**
 - 350 South Road

Health Agents Report / Updates – Danielle Edmands – Regional Environmental Health Specialist

- **Routine Food Inspections** – Elevate Nutrition, Jed's Hardware and Garden Center, Holden Rehab, Goodhiles (Re-Inspection doing monthly drop-ins due to repeat offenses), Val's, Cheoy Lees, Big Y, Farm to Fork, Pizza 17, Leroux Meat and Deli
- **Food Complaints**
 - Parrot Pizza – complaint about staff not wearing masks. Danielle did a site visit on 9/29/20. Spoke with owner about complaint, observed proper at the time of the site visit.
 - Cheoy Lee – complaint about staff not wearing masks. Danielle did a site visit on 9/24/20. Observed staff not wearing masks. Spoke with the owner and went over mask mandate with her, she understood and complied.

- Pizza 17 – complaint about staff not wearing masks. Danielle did a site visit on 10/6/20 and another visit on 10/7/20 with Julie. Spoke with the owner about the mask mandate. Provided her proper education, signage and masks.
- Harvest Grille – complaint about staff not wearing masks. Danielle left a voicemail on 10/15/20. Will follow up.
- **Housing/Nuisance –**
 - 47 Montana Drive – was alerted by elder services that this property is “potentially a dangerous living condition”, older gentleman and his son live there. Danielle sent an order letter, spoke with the son and set up a walkthrough of the property on September 17, 2020. Danielle has been in constant contact with elder services. Phil is getting photos from the son showing progress.
 - 100 Chapel Street – Danielle did a housing inspection on 10/13/20. Sent an order letter out on 10/15/20. Re-inspection scheduled for 30 days after receipt of order letter.
 - 8 Reservoir Street – Section 8 housing. Landlord called on 10/13/20 complaining of a hoarding situation with one of her occupants. Danielle called Worcester Housing Authority on 10/14/20, emailed on 10/15/20.

CMRPHA Report – Phil Leger – Chief Regional Public Health Specialist

- Phil Reviewed

New/Other Business

- **COVID-19**
 - Michael Mazloff – Phil you need to follow up with Pizza 17, Harvest Grille, Parrot Pizza, Cheoy Lees
 - Michelle O’Rourke – I agree
 - Phil Leger – As far as that goes Danielle is in town a couple days a week and can follow up on those Thursday
 - Michael Mazloff – Would it be helpful if I went as well?
 - Phil Leger – We take it as it comes, we give them the information and education on the mandate
 - Michael Mazloff – Would it be helpful if we wrote to the Alliance to ask for assistance for more staff time?
 - Phil Leger – We have what we have right now, compared to other communities Holden doesn’t have too much
- **Other Business**
 - Phil Leger informed the Board Wong had a kitchen fire and were closed for 3 days
- **EDS**
- Pam Harding – Due to the vaccine coming our way it has been suggested that we get together with others to start discussing a volunteer plan. Katrina will attend the meeting but she needs the team to decide what supplies are needed. Fire, police, Cert team, etc should be part of the meeting as well as BOH members. We will need to set up a date for this.

- Date for EDS Meeting to be November 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM Remote
- **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.