



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**Town of Holden  
Board of Health Meeting  
May 8, 2018**

**Members Present:** Ms. Amy Kendrick, Mr. Michael Mazloff, Ms. Michelle O'Rourke

**Others Present:** Mr. Michael Mendez – Regional Public Health Specialist, Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Pamela Harding – Planning & Development, Megan DeNubila – Prevention Specialist/Tobacco Control, DJ Wilson – Mass. Municipal Assoc., James Dunn – Agricultural Commission, Maleah Gustafson – Agricultural Commission, Steven D'Aquila – Agricultural Commission, Chris Hugo – Agricultural Commission, Eileen Charbonneau – Agricultural Commission, Ryan McKay – Agricultural Commission

**Called Board of Health Meeting to Order: 5:03 PM**

**Public Hearing - To consider amendments of the current Tobacco Regulations Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places**

- DJ Wilson, Massachusetts Municipal Association, spoke to the amendment and handed out a list with the towns currently participating in the ban on smoking in hotels, motels, inns, B&Bs and private clubs.
- Michael Mendez asked if Air B n B's are included in the ban, DJ responded no because they are private residences.
- Michael Mazloff moved to accept the amendments as proposed with an effective date of July 8, 2018, Amy Kendrick seconded. APPROVED

**Agricultural Commission to discuss Farmer's Market Fees** – Will take out of order, waiting for Chair to arrive.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- April 3, 2017; Michael Mazloff moved to approve the minutes, Amy Kendrick seconded. All in Favor – APPROVED
- February 13, 2018; Amy Kendrick moved to approve the minutes, Michelle O'Rourke seconded. All in Favor – APPROVED

**Title V – Mr. Michael Mendez– Regional Public Health Specialist**

Michael Mendez reviewed the following Title V list:

- **Inspections Completed**
  - 744 Reservoir Street – Conditionally Passes
  - 140 Manning Street – Passes
  - 14 Nottingham Circle – Passes

- **Systems Being Installed**
  - NONE
- **Systems Being Repaired**
  - 744 Reservoir Street
  - 553 Wachusett Street

**Agricultural Commission to discuss Farmer’s Market Fees –**

- Steven D’Aquila, Agricultural Commission Chair spoke – Mr. D’Aquila explained that the Agricultural Commission supports agriculture of the town. He spoke to the Holden Farmer’s Market which has been operating since 1995, the market is comprised of many vendors whom are fully insured and sell direct to the public. Currently there are 22 vendors, 11 are food, meat and dairy. When the BOH permit fees were raised it caused tension and some vendors stopped selling altogether. The Agricultural Commission agreed to work with the Farmer’s Market and help with advertising to help relieve increased fees impact. The goal is to strengthen the market.
- The Agricultural Commission is representing the Farmer’s Market and asks the Board of Health to recognize the hardship and reconsider the permit fee increase.
- Pam Harding informed the Board that The Farmer’s Market opened on May 1, 2018, Michael Mendez was not notified of this opening date and there were only 2 permit applications received all others were operating without a permit.
- Michael Mendez researched other towns in the Alliance to see what their fees were at for Farmer’s Markets. The Board reviewed the analysis. Michael Mazloff asked what the fee was prior to the increase. \$40 was the fee prior. Michael Mendez stated there is a food truck operating at the market as well.
- Ryan McKay, Lilac Hedge Farm, spoke to the Board and asked them to consider having the fee cover other festivities in town as well as the Farmer’s Market.
- Michael Mazloff asked Michael Mendez if there is a definition for Farmer’s Market. Michael Mendez stated that typically a Farmer’s Market is comprised of vendors who sell shelf stable food or food in coolers. Food trucks cook the food onsite and serve which requires a mobile food permit.
- The Board discussed and stated they are open to creating a Farmer’s Market Fee. The Board looked to Michael Mendez to inform them on what is involved for him to do as far as inspections and record keeping. Michael Mendez stated he is having to chase the vendors for applications this year as well as last year, he was not aware of the start date of May 1 or what vendors were going to be at the Farmer’s Market.
- Jim Dunn, Agricultural Commission Vice-Chair, spoke and questioned the costs entailed. He doesn’t feel expenses should need to be recouped.
- Amy Kendrick, BOH Chair, stated that the vendors will need to get the applications in with the fee in a timely manner. The Agricultural Commission will let the vendors know.
- Michael Mazloff moved to create a Farmer’s Market Fee of \$40. Amy Kendrick seconded All in Favor – APPROVED
- A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the June meeting to approve the fee schedule amendment.

## **Health Agents Report / Updates – Mr. Michael Mendez, Regional Public Health Specialist**

### **• Housing/Nuisance**

- 68 Reservoir Street – Colony Retirement Home – Complaint received that there was no hot water from 7pm-6:30am. Spoke to management a pipe had broken and is now fixed. Michael went to follow up, no management onsite
- 172-178 Princeton Street – Anonymous complaint received from resident about apartments - Resident called to complain about rodents (mice and squirrels) entering the whole apartment complex through the eaves and holes in the roof. Porches are also in very bad shape and unsafe. He mentioned the bathroom is falling apart in one apartment. Mike spoke to the resident and drove by the house, saw some possible structure issues, talked to David Lindberg, Building Commissioner, he will take a ride by.
- Update on 28 Glenwood Street – the Condemnation Notice has been posted on the house

### **• Food Complaints**

- Big Y – Consumer purchased pre-packaged frozen tater tots and became ill after eating them. Mike spoke to the store manager and made him aware.
- Thai Island – Customer ordered soup, while eating found fruit flies in the bottom. Mike and a pest company inspected and did not find any traces of fruit flies.
- Bagel Inn – BOH received a letter stating there were pest droppings in the restaurant as well as sighting of mice in the restaurant. Phil Leger inspected and did not find any trace of mice or droppings. A maintenance contract has been signed with a pest company.
- Goodhiles – Complaint received about water cooler leaking and failure to clean the soft serve machine as well as failure to change the fryolater oil. Mike received results from the soft serve testing, everything tested okay. The water cooler will be repaired and fryolater oil was okay.

### **• Food Inspections**

- Holden Hills Country Club, The Bagel Inn, Holden Baseball Snack Shack, Honey Farms, Thai Island, Parrot Pizza, St. Francis Church, Goodhiles Market, Walgreens, Meola's Ice Cream, Cheoy Lee's, Howe's Country Store, McDonalds

## **CMRPHA Report – Mr. Michael Mendez, Regional Public Health Specialist**

Michael Mendez highlighted some information from the report

### **New/Other Business**

- Michael Mazloff asked for an update on the syringe and medication return kiosks. The syringe kiosk is now at the Senior Center. Medication disposal is in the works, it has to go through the Chief of Police or a pharmacy.
  - Michael Mendez passed out a new application for Recreation Camps, the Board reviewed and approved.
- **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm. Next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM.