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TOWN OF WINCHENDON BOARD OF HEALTH APRIL 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK RCUD SEP 13 2022 AMS:30

Members in Attendance: Keith Kent, Edward Bond and Tina Santos.

Absent: Lionel Cloutier

Also Present: James Abare, Health Agent

Call to Order: 6:00pm

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Chair Update:

Chair Kent said the covid numbers have been coming down. As of March 31, 2022 the Mass Department of Public Health has release the following information. The positivity rate for Winchendon has dropped from 2.60% to 1.07%, Ashburnham went from 1.85% to 3.40%, Ashby went from 5.17% to 0%, Templeton went from 4.78% to 4.75%, Phillipston went from 2.82% to 3.95%, Gardner went from 2.56% to 2.41%, Hubbardston went from 3.06% to 2.68%, Athol went from 1.73% to 2.15%. The positivity rate for Orange is 2.68%, Leominster is 2.16% and Fitchburg is 1.91%.

Chair Kent said the 14-day average positivity rate per Mass Department of Public Health is 1.98%. There is a new covid variant and it is dominant in the north east. The Winchendon Board of Health recommends to get vaccinated if medically possible.

Meeting Minutes:

Tina Santos made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2022 as presented and Edward Bond seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Food Permits:

Food Permit #2210 for the American Legion was tabled due to not having a voting quorum.

Edward Bond made a motion to approve temporary food permit #2215 for Uncle Joey's Cannoli for June 18, 2022 and temporary food permit #2216 for Uncle Joey's Cannoli for October 22, 2022. Keith Kent seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Tina Santos read food permit #2217 for One Stop Plaza, \$100 fee was paid and there are no notes or violation. Edward Bond made a motion to approve food permit #2217 for One Stop Plaza and Keith Kent seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Tina Santos read food permit #2218 for Hometown Café, \$100 fee was paid and there are no notes or violations. Edward Bond made a motion to approve food permit #2218 for Hometown Café and Tina

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Santos seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Tina Santos read food permit #2219 for C&S Pizza, \$100 fee was paid and there are no notes or violations. Edward Bond made a motion to approve food permit #2219 for C&S Pizza and Tina Santos seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Invoices:

Edward Bond made a motion to pay \$75.00 for the Title 5 System Inspector Renewal for the Health Inspector James Abare. The motion was seconded by Keith Kent. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Tina Santos made a motion to pay \$63.64 to AT&T for the Health Inspectors phone bill. The motion was seconded by Edward Bond. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Earth day Cleanup Discussion:

Tina Santos recommended having Earth Day Cleanup in May again this year. Chair Kent said last year there were 39 volunteers. He agreed that having Earth Day Cleanup in May was a good idea since April can be cold and rainy.

Rick Lucier asked the Board who monitors how many porta potties are needed for an event. James Abare said it is a recommendation depending how many people they estimate will attend.

The Board members discussed when to have Earth Day Cleanup. Tina Santos made a motion to set May 7, 2022 for the town wide Earth Day Cleanup during the hours of 8am to 2pm and Edward Bond seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

New Business:

Chair Kent extended a thank you to Henry Finch who cleans up the area on Tannery Hill, River Street and other parts of town. The Board discussed seeing if the town can use the senior work off program for Earth Day Cleanup which they will discuss with the Town Manager.

Chair Kent discussed the amount of nip bottles that are being discarded all over town. He said he researched it legally and a number of towns with this problem have passed a bylaw outlawing the sale of nips. He said the Board will be looking at options pertaining to the issue of nips being discarded all over town.

Tina Santos asked if a letter has been sent out concerning the Spruce Street property about the excessive garbage there. James Abare said no but he will go to the house and contact them.

The Board discussed a town bylaw allowing the Board to fine if residents aren't taking care of the proper disposal of garbage. James Abare said the state sanitary code makes the owner responsible for the property. He said they are usually given a week or two to take care of the issues.

Chair Kent said one of our options is to make regulations we deem necessary to take care of the problem. The annual Earth Cleanup day doesn't take care of the problem the rest of the year.

The Board members discussed the excessive refuge on the property of 65 School Street that has been there for over a year. The Health Agent has gone out and informed the owner that it needs to be cleaned up about a month ago.

Edward Bond made a motion to have the Health Agent send a letter to the owner of 65 School Street requesting an action plan to clean up the property within thirty days and Tina Santos seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Adjourn:

Edward Bond made a motion to adjourn and Tina Santos seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Tina Santos yes, Edward Bond yes, and Keith Kent yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Dennis

Minutes Approved on September 12, 2022

Keith Kent, Chair

Edward Bond

Tina Santos