

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Carolyn Rogowski-Duarte, Chair; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary; Michael LaFever, Member; and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present with Office Assistant Tim Fontaine recording the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Rogowski.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting. Motion made by Mr. LaFever to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. DeSantis. All in favor 3-0. Minutes were signed by Ms. DeSantis.

Payroll schedules and bills were signed by all Board Members.

Ms. Crete presented the Health Agent report. All food establishment inspections have been completed for 2019. The 2 body art establishments and 2 semi-public pools have also been inspected. Ms. Crete spoke of the MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network) line list for 2019. There was a total of 239 cases reported.

Ms. Crete spoke of some of the goals for the Health Department for 2020. Ms. Crete would like to increase revenue through a restructured fee schedule, work with Cheryl Messer-Lusty to provide a skin course for body art establishments, look at the possibility of having staff trained as lead determinators and the possibility of providing lead testing for children under age 6, sending Mr. Fontaine to the MAPHIT housing course and soil evaluator course, sending Ms. Messer to the CERT train the trainer class, and provide performance evaluations for all staff.

Some of the major accomplishments Ms. Crete spoke about for 2019 included substantial office improvements and restructuring, the hiring of the very first full time Health Agent, and sending some of the staff nurses to Operation Stand Down in Boston and in Springfield.

There was a request for a Variance for 825 Moore Street, owned by Mr. Antonio Baltazar. Registered Sanitarian Lorri McCool is asking for the use of a sieve analysis due to very wet conditions. Ms. McCool is also looking for a 2-foot reduction to groundwater. Ms. Crete recommends approval of the variance. Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to approve the variance. Seconded by Mr. LaFever. All in favor 3-0.

There was a request for a Variance for 764 Center Street, owned by Mr. Raymond Otto. Engineer John Kopinski is asking for a 1-foot reduction to groundwater. Ms. Crete recommends approval of the variance. Motion made by Mr. LaFever to approve the variance. Seconded by Ms. DeSantis. All in favor 3-0.

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Mr. LaFever inquired as to the process for a new food establishment in Town. Ms. Crete outlined the following:

- The establishment would submit for a plan review with a fee of \$100.00
- Along with the plans, the establishment would submit all required documentation
- A pre-operational inspection would be performed
- If the inspection passes, all permits would be applied for and issued
- A routine inspection would be performed after opening

Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to adjourn for a quick recess at 4:46 P.M. Seconded by Mr. LaFever. All in Favor 3-0.

The Board of Health meeting reconvened at 4:51 P.M.

Christopher Craig from the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District met with the Board to discuss the possibility of joining the District. The District was formed in 2017 and currently has 10 members. In 2018, Massachusetts saw a major increase in West Nile Virus. In 2019, Massachusetts saw an increase in Eastern Equine Encephalitis. If Ludlow was to join the District, the Town would receive surveillance and reporting. There would be 2 traps placed weekly rotating throughout town. The mosquitos that are caught would be tested for disease. Any findings would be reported to the Town. Currently surveillance is the only benefit offered by the District. The District would be looking to expand its services in the upcoming years with the possibility of aerial spraying and water management. The cost to join for the upcoming year (Memorial Day – Labor Day) would be \$5000.00. This would only include surveillance and reporting. In future years, all other services would be on an ala carte basis with pricing depending on the size of the Town. Currently the Town recommends universal precautions to all residents aka the use of bug spray and limiting time outside between dusk and dawn.

The following Food Establishment Inspection Reports provided by Ms. Crete were reviewed by the Board:

- Parkside Early Childhood, Chestnut St.
- Joyful Juice & Shake, 656-658 Center St.
- Ludlow Pizza, 257 Fuller St.
- F.L. Roberts, 425 Center St.
- CVS451 Center St.
- Cumberland Farms, 463 Center St.
- Pride, 478 Center St.
- E-Z Shop Convenience, 546A Center St.
- Triunfo Foods, 68 East St.
- Casa Pizza, 325 East St.
- Randall's Farm, 631 Center St.
- JR Meats, 274 East St.
- Twisted Tentacles, 79-81 East Street

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- Ludlow Boys & Girls Club, 91 Claudia's Way
- Iron Duke Brewing, 100 State St. Building 122
- Millside Studio, 222 Winsor St.
- Christ the king Church, 41 Warsaw Ave.
- Joey Bats Café, 285 East St.
- Cady Street Meats, 16B Cady St.
- Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St.
- Holiday Inn Express, 321 Center St.
- Ludlow Public Market, 46 Birch St.

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Motion made by Mr. LaFever to adjourn the meeting with Ms. DeSantis seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Adrienne DeSantis  
Secretary