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BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday
April 13, 2010
Forbes Municipal Bldg., Room 24
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (3/16/2010)
2. Director's Report (3/2010)
3. Sanitarian's Report (3/2010)
4. Health Inspector's Report (3/2010)

New Business

- A. Kevin Shi / Tenka Grill - Variance Request - 5:45 p.m.

Old Business

- A. Solid Waste Advisory Committee
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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Minutes of Board of Health Meeting April 13, 2010

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Federici. Those present were Member Ehrlich, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari, and Inspector Gilchrist. Absent was Chairman Reh. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 16, 2010, were reviewed and approved.

Director's report (March 2010) was discussed and approved.

Sanitarian's report (March 2010) was discussed and approved.

Health Inspector's report (March 2010) was discussed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Shi – Tenka Grill – Variance Request – 5:45 p.m.

At 5:45 p.m., the Board met with Kevin Shi, owner of Tenka Grill. Mr. Shi is the owner/manager of a new, soon-to-open restaurant at 153 Turnpike Road. He plans to have a sushi bar at this restaurant. A variance is needed from the Board to serve sushi. Mr. Shi has submitted a HACCP plan. The Health Inspector recommended the variance be granted with the stipulation that the sushi chef become certified in food safety.

The Health Inspector said Mr. Shi has several years experience in the restaurant business and is currently a partner at a restaurant in Auburn. Sushi is served at the Auburn restaurant and there haven't been any problems.

Mr. Shi said all the seafood comes from the fish market in Boston.

A motion was made by Member Ehrlich to grant the variance to the Tenka Grill with the stipulation that the sushi chef become certified in food safety. The vote was seconded by Acting Chairman Federici; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion ended at 5:50pm.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Mount Pleasant Street residents, Barry and Tamara Allen, were recognized by the Board. Their neighbor has been operating his OWB the last several days despite the unusually warm weather and it's causing a nuisance.

Mr. Allen told the Board there is still an issue with smoke and odor when OWB is operating, particularly with the change of seasons (October and then again mid-April/May). The dates given by the Board are too easy. He said temperatures were in 80's last week and at night, they had to

close their windows because of the smoke. Their bedroom window is approximately 300 feet from the OWB. An extension that was put on the stack a few years ago seemed to help, but the extension has been taken down.

Director McNulty said the extension helps but does not eliminate the problem. He has talked to Mr. Weir about the weather and suggested he pay attention to the weather. If it's warm, don't run the boiler. The permit could be modified, amended or revoked. Another problem is the boiler can't just be turned off with a switch. He's unsure if there is another heat source at the house. He thinks the house is being foreclosed and Mr. Weir may be short of cash.

Mr. Allen would like the Board to change the shut-down date in the spring. He can live with the October date; it's not as bad as the spring.

Member Ehrlich would like Mr. Weir to attend the Board's next meeting to discuss adjustments to the stack. If the stack is put back on and there is improvement, it may effect what dates get chosen.

Discussion ended 6:05 pm

OLD BUSINESS

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PAYT was rejected by the Selectmen, however, they still would like the advisory committee to evaluate other programs. Director McNulty said that whatever recommendation the Committee comes up with, the BOH does not have to act on it.

Member Ehrlich said one of the reasons the committee was formed was because the Town Manager wanted to look at, in particular, PAYT and other methods to make the trash program self-funding. If PAYT is out, is there still a need for the committee? There aren't many options left.

Sanitarian Baccari commented that curbside pickup will not help the budget; it's definitely not cost-saving.

Director McNulty said that one of the things everyone has to remember is, according to the new contract (signed two years ago) with Wheelabrator, the Town's trash has to be sent to Wheelabrator for the next 20 years. Also, the contract stipulates that the Town has to have control of the collection of its trash.

Member Ehrlich said it's unfair for residents who have dump stickers to carry the cost of the trash budget. Tidy Town customers only pay to have their trash picked up, not disposed of.

Director McNulty has discussed with E. L. Harvey & Sons the possibility of adding a surcharge to Tidy Town customers' bills.

Member Ehrlich asked do we still need a committee to sort this out?

Sanitarian Baccari said a new two-year sticker is just starting; it would be best to wait a year or two.

Director McNulty said maybe the committee could research the feasibility of a municipal yard waste disposal site, although he's not quite sure how much money that would save.

Member Ehrlich would like to table further discussion until next month and asked Director McNulty to find out if the Town Manager wants to proceed with the committee. He doesn't want to waste anyone's time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be May 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Smith
Administrative Assistant

