

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 25, 2016

Watertown Administration Building, Lower Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Chairman, Dr. Barbara Beck, Board Member, Deborah Rosati, Director of Public Health Guest: Donna Moultrup, Consultant

Public Comment: Meghan O'Connell thanked the Board for moving the Bee and Chicken Regulations forward.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting were approved as presented (Motion-Dr. Beck, Second- Dr, Straus, 2-0)

Administrative Hearing – AA Auto Clinic, 600 Main Street – Regulations Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products & Nicotine Delivery Products Violation

Present: Natalie Kouyoumjian

D. Rosati indicated that this hearing was tabled in December as the owner was traveling out of state. There was a sale of tobacco to a minor recorded on November 4, 2015 by Natalie Miller, Tobacco Control Coordinator, which constituted a second offense which carries a \$200.00 fine and a one week suspension. The first offense was noted on April 23, 2014.

Natalie Kouyoumjian, the owner's daughter and financial manager of AA Auto Clinic, indicated that her father was unable to attend due to illness. She reported that she trains on tobacco sales and has changed all of the signs to "no sales under the age of 21." She indicated that a new employee was overwhelmed with new responsibilities and sold to a minor. Ms. Kouyoumjian related all of their other training efforts and protocols.

It was acknowledged that AA Auto Clinic had voluntarily suspended their sales for seven days and had paid the \$200.00 fine.

The Board voted to suspend the Tobacco Sales Permit for seven days and institute the \$200.00 fine (Motion – Dr. Beck, Second – Dr. Straus, 2-0), and acknowledged that the suspension was conducted and verified and the fine paid.

Discussion – Regulations Regarding the Keeping of Animals, Chickens and Bees

Donna Moultrup summarized all changes made to the regulations since the last meeting. The Board suggested that the Best Practices document be referenced but not defined. D. Moultrup indicated that any nuisance conditions could still be handled under the Nuisance Law.

Changes to Draft 5.a. and 5.b. were reviewed. D. Moultrup recommended that the regulations be sent to department heads for review and then be sent to Town Counsel.

The Board asked for comments from the public. A statement was read by Sharon Bauer on behalf of the Watertown Friends of Bees. The group indicated that this is a much improved draft, that they applaud the Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices, but that Watertown would do well to recognize the Cambridge model or no regulations at all per the Bee Keepers Association. They question the necessity of an annual permit, and noted that it seems superfluous as one needs to register with the Mass. Dept. of Agriculture. D. Moultrup noted that MDAR only has one inspector and there are not regular visits to bee keeping locations. The group's comments were submitted in writing.

Meghan O'Connell indicated that she had submitted an application for chicken keeping but that there was no feedback or determination. D. Rosati was under the impression that the application was on hold pending adoption of the new regulations but that K. Bennett would be asked to review the application.

The Board indicated that D. Moultrup should have final edits prepared by end of week, and that a request for legal review should be forwarded to Town Manager Driscoll. A hearing may be held in March pending the results of the review.

Other Business

Dr. Beck requested information on a notification from Sanborn consultants about the CVS site monitoring for contamination. D. Rosati indicated that she has reached out to the consultant about this.

Next meeting – Tentatively February 17, 2016.

Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah M. Rosati, Director of Public Health

Approved: March 23, 2016