



BOARD OF HEALTH
October 17, 2023

The meeting was in Room 5 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Jane Williams, Dr. Daniel King and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 7, 2023.

The Board reviewed and approved the September 5, 2023 minutes.

The Board reviewed and approved the most recent food inspection reports.

New Business

260 E Fordham Road-Monogram Food, request for permanent solution

Monogram received a decision on October 2, 2022 from the Board of Health that allowed them to use a more frequent grease pumping schedule and monitoring for a period of 1 year. Monogram is a national food processing company with two existing facilities located at 301 and 330 Ballardvale Street in Wilmington. This facility at Fordham Road functions as an R&D/Sales facility with a very limited demonstration kitchen. Throughout the past year they have used the kitchen 4 times for a period of 3-5 days and have provided the sampling and pumping slips for the grease. The Director compared the monitoring results with the standards that both the MWRA and the city of Boston have for grease discharge thresholds into the sewer. Monogram has been below those thresholds. It is the recommendation of the Director that the grease trap be pumped three times (3X) a year and that slips be provided to the Health Department. Dr. Williams had questions about future use and accountability. Any change of use at the building would require a food permit. Dr. Williams motioned to approve the permanent solution recommended by the Director, Dr. King seconded, voted 3-0.

Flu update

October 18, 2023 will be the Covid clinic and Flu clinic at the Wilmington Middle School
October 25th and November 1st will be the Town wide Flu Clinic at the Town Hall.

Department Business

Olin

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold an open house to update residents on investigation and cleanup activities at the Olin Chemical Superfund Site. Community members are invited to stop by at any point during the session. It will be Wednesday November 1, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wilmington Middle School.

Public Health Standards

Massachusetts has reached a significant milestone by implementing the first local public health performance standards and workforce training requirements. Developed in collaboration with local public health partners, these standards represent a pivotal step toward delivering consistent and high-quality public health services to all residents.

The implementation of the Performance Standards serves multiple purposes, including establishing clear benchmarks and a measure to assess the capacity of local health departments. Collaboratively with the Office of Local and Regional Health, in the fall of 2022, a total of 305 municipalities participating in the Public Health Excellence Shared Services Grant Program underwent a capacity assessment. This assessment serves as a crucial starting point for improvement, enabling the Department to identify areas that require additional resources to comprehensively meet the Performance Standards.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., Dr. Williams, seconded, voted 3-0.

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Recording:

Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health