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BOARD OF HEALTH
October 1, 2019

The Board of Health held a meeting in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were, Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Daniel King, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be September 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the September 3, 2019.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports

New Business

Vaping Ban

On September 24, 2019, Governor Baker declared a public health emergency in the Commonwealth due to severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products and the epidemic of e-cigarette use among youth. The Commissioner of Public Health has temporarily prohibited the sale and display of all vaping products and e-cigarettes until further notice. Ms. Newhouse noted that all the establishments in town that were selling the products have been cooperative after the ban was announced. The Route 38 Smoke Shop will be getting rid of their window signage promoting e-cigarette and vaping products shortly. The Wilmington Police Department is assisting Newhouse in researching "hemp sticks" and whether they should be considered a part of the ban. A couple of establishments in town are selling them.

Olin

IMPORTANT UPCOMING OLIN MEETING: Ms. Newhouse announced that the EPA will be holding an Open House (5:30pm-6:45pm) followed by an Informational Meeting (7pm-8:30pm) on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 in the Wilmington Middle School Auditorium.

The purpose of the Open House and Information Meeting is to update residents about the latest progress on site activities at the Olin Chemical Superfund Site.

EPA is going to discuss what's been happening and what's going to happen at the site. This is an important meeting. Olin and EPA will both be there. This is the first time in quite awhile.

Mosquito borne disease update

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) have been prevalent in Massachusetts this year. The Director presented the Board with the most current maps and figures from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Wilmington remains a low risk community. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control is done spraying for the season.

Restaurants

Michael's Place permanently opened on Monday, September 30, 2019 after a soft opening and evaluation period. Tremezzo Pizzeria opened on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Pie Me Over, 217 Main Street, appears to be getting closer to opening, but has not been in contact with the Health

Department recently. Casa Blanca, 207 Main Street, continues to be delayed. The hold up is that they're still waiting for tile from Mexico. Greg's Pizza & Roast Beef, 101 Main Street is going to be under new management. The new manager is a current employee. The restaurant will continue to have the same owner.

Flu

The Wilmington Health Department will soon be offering flu clinics, likely three, later this month. There will be a clinic for seniors, a town-wide clinic on a Saturday, and a clinic at night during the week. There is high dose for seniors, which will be by appointment, likely beginning the third week of October at the Senior Center.

We are waiting to receive the vaccines before announcing the dates publicly.

Facebook

The Wilmington Health Department now has a Facebook page. The page, which was just created a few weeks ago, is another avenue for the Health Department to communicate with residents.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., second by Ms. Sabounjian. Voted 3-0.



Recording:

Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health