

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
March 5, 2020 Minutes

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Antonia Blinn; Chair, Kasia Frenette; Clerk, Michael Healey, Leah Gillespie, Graham Wilson, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent, Christopher George; Recorder.

Guests: Al Fera (Xfinity Center), Jaime Rivera (Xfinity Center),

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Antonia Blinn.

II. Consent Agenda

-None

III. Acceptance of Minutes

-Item tabled until the next meeting.

IV. Xfinity pre-season meeting

Ms. Blinn invites the representatives from Xfinity center. Mr. Fera introduces himself. Mr. Rivera introduces himself.

Ms. Blinn says they've had a lot of exchange over the past season and would like to overview their plan. Mr. Fera says all managers will be Servsafe certified. He says all food employees will go through a food safety program; which will be run by Kevin Duquette. He says that management is currently putting together a plan of action. He says they're making physical changes. He says they're replacing the grease trap and it will be increased to 300-gallons. He says the upper stands will have new doors with rodent protection. He says they'll be installing new screen doors. He says the wooden structures that were used for storage will be replaced with a 30 -yard storage container that is completely enclosed. He says prior to the start of the season they'll have full plumbing and electric inspections. He says the four walk-ins and two freezers have already been scrubbed out but they'll receive a full test and clean before items are stored. He says they're going to use time as a public health control because of the amount of volume they do.

Mr. Healey asks what the time will be. Mr. Fera says the time will be three hours and all staff will be trained on how and why they're doing it.

Mr. Fera says they've taken full advantage of their off season to catch up. He says they're moving away from temporary staff. He says their new executive chef is the executive chef from Dunkin of Providence.

Mr. Fera says there are no major changes to menu items or locations. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says Jeff Mann did say that one of the back stations will be removed. Mr. Fera says yes, there will be one less food location because they're making room for more bathrooms. He says they're in a much better place than last year.

Mr. Healey asks if there will be any temporary stations. Mr. Fera says yes and they'll be purchasing a portable electric sink. Ms. Donovan-Palmer asks for Mr. Fera to send her a link so that she can review the sink. Mr. Fera says he will. He says they are looking for 3rd party vendors and they have been informed that they need to be permitted through the Health Department. Mr. Fera says his goal is to lock down the whole season within the next month. He says they're looking for 5-7 per show with 10 vendors that would rotate. Mr. Fera says he can plan to have all vendors present during the initial inspection.

Mr. Healey asks about chemicals. Mr. Fera says they're utilizing Ecolab. He says they'll come out for an inspection throughout the season to check on the units.

Mr. Fera says he should have a Standard Operating Procedure by the beginning of April to send to Ms. Donovan-Palmer.

Mr. Healey asks what Mr. Rivera's role is. Mr. Rivera introduces himself and provides some background. He says he was at Xfinity as a visiting manager and jumped in after a few people quit. He says he built the day crew who set up all the stands and then he runs them during the show. Mr. Fera says they have a very good working relationship.

Ms. Blinn asks about the updates to the sinks. Mr. Fera says the commissary will have a new 3-bay sink at the start of the season. He says they'll be getting a new dishwasher and a new catch-drain. He says another physical change is inside the commissary as the area inundated with pallets will be removed and set up as a possible prep area.

Ms. Blinn says the last re-inspection fee was not paid. Mr. Fera says they can take care of it. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says they can integrate it into any permitting fees.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says she received an overview from Mr. Mann about some other changes but they weren't food related. She says they also spoke about EEE and how Xfinity sprays when necessary.

Mr. Healey says they no longer inspect beer stations but would like to know what their cleaning process is for the beer lines and tap. Mr. Fera says they have a 3rd party that comes in 3 times a month. He says at the start of the season they install all new lines. He says all the taps are stainless steel, food quality.

Ms. Blinn fields for questions. There are none.

V. Public Health Nursing Services Updates

-Item tabled and moved to Coronavirus.

VI. CBD/Marijuana Update

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says Ms. Blinn has provided her with draft regulations from other local Board of Health. She says the only difference between State and Towns is that the Board would be responsible for permitting and for inspections. She says as of right now, the state is in charge of everything and if they pass regulations than the Board would also be in charge.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says there is no current law for CBD. She says if they did want to set regulations for CBD it would be advised to set an age restriction. She says those same draft regulations say you can't have CBD in food products but that's already in place in Town. She says if they pass draft regulations it would be up to them to determine how much oversight they would require.

Mr. Healey says they will already deal with marijuana when it comes to Town. Ms. Donovan-Palmer asks if the board would like to pass CBD regulations. Ms. Frenette asks what other Towns are doing. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says she's not aware of any other towns with CBD regulations. Ms. Blinn says they could permit CBD sales to limit where it's sold. Ms. Frenette says she wouldn't mind sitting on this until they start hearing about passed regulations. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says there is not a lot of information on CBD. Ms. Gillespie says it's a very popular thing right now and she sees it a lot in her clinic. She says it's similar to a placebo because of the lack of information. She says it's also very expensive and doesn't see kids purchasing it. She agrees that the board should wait on it.

Ms. Blinn asks if they should do a check-in in Fall. Ms. Gillespie says in September.

VII. Trash/Recycling Taskforce Update

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says they hope to require recycling at the state level and she was informed that she could move forward with this on the Town level. She says she doesn't know what the larger plan is for Trash and Recycling but the Taskforce would like to see if the Board has interest in passing regulations around it. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says that it's been asked of the Board because they currently permit trash haulers. Mr. Healey says he's not against it but it's the apartment buildings and condos that pay a fee for their own trash. Ms. Gillespie asks how it currently works in Town. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says that Waste Management is contracted with the Town for trash and recycling and that businesses and condos hire their own trash hauler.

Mr. Healey asks to have a trash hauler come in to explain how they work within a condo to share their perspective on this. Ms. Blinn asks if there is a survey being done by the Taskforce to understand need or interest. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says not currently. She says Waste Management has come to meetings and will inquire with them.

VIII. Food and Tobacco Inspections Update

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says they did start the second round of food inspection after 6 months of education and training with establishments. Mr. Healey asks how many violations they had in total last year and suggests over 200. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says she doesn't know the total but she says there was only a small handful that didn't have a priority or priority foundation violation. She says that the Board of Health wants to move towards grading and asks if they could give these establishments with no violations this year a shout out within the meeting and meeting minutes.

Mr. Healey says the fourteen establishments with no priority or priority foundation violations for 2020 are:

- Café on the Common
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Coldstone Creamery
- CVS Pharmacy
- Geno's Restaurant
- Juice on Main
- Mansfield Deli
- Mansfield House of Pizza
- Mansfield Service
- Mooyah Burger, Fries, and Shakes,
- Old Country Store and Emporium
- Omaha Steaks
- The Fresh Catch
- Wendy's

The Board congratulates these businesses and thanks them for their efforts.

IX. FOG Update

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says they asked Ashwani, of Coldstone Creamery, for a FOG plan. She says they did submit a plan that she found sufficient. She says she will keep track of these monthly reports. Mr. Healey asks for the Food Establishments that do not submit reports be invited to a meeting in April or May. Ms. Donovan-Palmer agrees with this.

X. Department Updates

Ms. Donovan-Palmer asks if the Board needs any assistance with their email addresses. Ms. Blinn says it's important to get set up because of the Freedom of Information act.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says they've submitted the request for an intern. She says she's also submitted a form for a shared services grant application to form a Household Hazardous Waste day for three Towns. She says one of the biggest things she wants to focus on is education. She says Norton and Foxboro are on board. She says they'll still have a Household Hazardous Waste Day in Mansfield at the Xfinity Center on May 2, 2020 from 8am to 12pm.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says the DPH just reduced the amount of acceptable lead in school water to .001 PPM. She said she's had a conversation with the schools about this and there were 34 different areas of non-compliance. She says they've had a bunch of filters put in and some labeled as "not for drinking water". She says they have a log for any flushing. She says they're going to take new samples, since it was taken 2 years ago, and if it's too high they'll be installing new filters.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says there is a tabletop exercise on March 17. She explains what will go into it and who from Mansfield will be attending.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says there is one house on East Street that they're working on but things are moving in

a positive manner.

XI. PFAS

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says she's spoken to Kurt Gaffney and he mentioned there are grants to help with private well testing. She says she'd like to get a drinking well link onto the webpage.

XII. Coronavirus

Ms. Blinn says she has some highlights from the report from January. She says the screenings being done at the Council of Aging and Town Hall are continuing and the Town is doing a good job of advertising them. She says there were 34 communicable diseases in January. Mr. Healey asks if they can start attaching the spreadsheet. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says Community EMS is going through some major changes right now. She says that Marc Goyette will be the new Community EMS officer but he was unavailable this week. Mr. Healey says a big piece for him is communication to ensure things are still moving forward.

Ms. Blinn says the second presumptive case of Covid-19 was identified in Massachusetts and says since January twenty-five Massachusetts residents have been tested. She says if people are looking for more information than they should reference the CDC webpage; as it is being updated more constantly. She provides the website information. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says there are links currently available on the Town's website.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer says she's been in constant contact with School and Town administration. She says there is a lot of monitoring but there haven't been any concerns within the Town. She says everyone is working well together.

XIII. Visitor Comments

-None

XIV. Items not known 48 hours prior to meeting

Mr. Healey says in a couple months that e-cigarettes go into effect. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says during Kevin's inspections he noted if anyone is selling flavored cigarettes. Mr. Healey asks the Board to go out within the first couple months of it going into effect. Ms. Donovan-Palmer says according to the state law, if they saw that then they would be fined \$1000.

XV. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn at 8:14pm made by Mr. Healey, 2nd made by Ms. Frenette. Vote 5-0 PASSED**

Kasia Frenette

Clerk

May 11, 2020

Date