

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
October 7, 2021 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, Graham Wilson, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 7:00 by Ms. Blinn.

II. Consent Agenda

- **Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Wilson.**
 - **VOTE 4-0 Passes**

III. Public Hearing for Polystyrene Bylaw Variance

- Ms. Blinn read the Public Hearing Notice
- No attendees @ BOH meeting
- **Motion to open public hearing made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Wilson.**
 - **VOTE 4-0 Passes**

Review of Variance

The specific variance we are discussing tonight is a polystyrene variance request filed by William Sarro of The Fresh Catch Seafood located at 30 Chauncy Street. We have provided our due diligence to announce this public meeting and public hearing by posting the information on the town website as well as an advertisement in the Sun Chronicle.

The Mansfield polystyrene container reduction bylaw has the following requirements for a variance request:

- A. Any food establishment or Town Department and its agencies may make a written application to the Board of Health for a variance from this bylaw.
- B. Every application for a variance is subject to a public hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be posted as part of a public notice of the Board of Health meeting at which the application will be considered. Notice shall be posted 5 business days, or the maximum allowed under current bylaws, before the meeting.
- C. By vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, the Board of Health may grant a variance only in cases where a suitable biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable alternative does not exist for a specific usage, and/or enforcement of this bylaw would cause undue hardship to that food establishment or Town Department.
- D. A variance may be granted for up to six months and extended for like periods upon submission of a renewal application.
- E. Any variance granted by the Board shall be in writing.

F. A copy of the variance granted under this section shall be available for public inspection on the premises for which it is issued

BACKGROUND

Per Ms. Donovan-Palmer - 8/20/21 a variance was received from Mr. Sacco of Fresh Catch Seafood - *Please refer to attached variance.* Mr. Sacco is having difficulty purchasing the proper products. Suppliers are unable to provide. He is proactively asking for variance in the event that his supply runs out before he is able to get more product. He is unable to receive it until 1/1/22. The five distributors he uses all have a shortage. In addition, restaurant distributors in general are unable to supply products. His substitute item will be styrofoam.

If variance is granted once he is able to get the proper product he will stock up and no longer use styrofoam.

No virtual questions/comments and no one in attendance.

- **Motion made by Mr. Healey to close public hearing. 2nd by Mr. ^{Wilson}Graham.**
 - Passes 4-0
- **Motion made by Mr. Wilson to approve the variance to Fresh Catch Seafood for a period of six months effective 11/1/21. 2nd by Ms. Frenette.**
 - Passes 4-0

IV. Public Health Nursing

No Update

V. COVID-19 Update

- 16 New Case Last Week
 - Bristol Country - HIGH
 - 2 Counties Moderate
 - 4 Counties Substantial
 - 8 Counties HIGH
- Contact Tracing being done by the Contact Tracing Collaboration - which will end in December 2021.
- A job posting for a Regional Epidemiologist and an Admin to the Regional Epidemiologist to handle contact tracing has been initiated. Towns included are Norton, Easton, Foxboro, Sharon and Mansfield
- Ms. Donovan-Palmer to a supply link to positions. Currently on the town website.

VI. Reassessment of Current BOH Orders Regarding Mask Mandates

- No comments/correspondences
- No motion at this time

VII. FOG Update

- Issue with Cheng Du in sewers.
- Grease came from an area not sure if it is new or old.
- Sewer lines were cleaned out. Will follow-up in 90 days to determine if the problem continues.

Qdoba Update

- Pumping is being down monthly and numbers are much lower. Improvement seen.

VIII. Posting Requirements for Variance Public Hearings

- No policy in place as public hearings have not occurred in the past
 - Draft was created
- Mr. Healey questioned where the best place to post for a public hearing would be as newspapers are not utilized as much as in the past.
- Website is the official site of postings now.

IX. Milk & Cream Permit Removal

- **Motion made by Mr. Healey to remove the Milk and Cream Permit Application effective January 1, 2022. 2nd by Mr. Wilson**
 - **Vote 4-0 Passes**

X. Correspondence

NONE

XI. Agents Report

1. Department Updates
 - a. E-Permitting - went live 10/1/21. Couple bumps but all fixed. Mr. George will send out a reminder next week
 - b. Social Media - letter out to restaurants to encourage/require employees and patrons to wear masks. Press Release for campaign. Looking for quotes from BOH. Mr. Healey recommended meeting one on one with restaurants to discuss the importance of masks. Suggested a task force to sit with larger businesses to encourage wearing masks
2. Intern Update - Caitlin Brown working on a Community Health Assessment for Mansfield Researching interventions
GOAL - to create a plan and determine where the town is succeeding and where to focus our efforts
3. Department Update - NONE
4. Housing Inspections - NONE

XII. Acceptance of Minutes

September 2, 2021

- **Motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2020, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Wilson..**
 - **VOTE 4-0 passes**

September 23, 2021

- **Motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2021, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Wilson.**
 - **VOTE 4-0 passes**

XIII. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn at 9:21pm made by Mr. Wilson, 2nd by Mr. Healey.**
VOTE 4-0 PASSED

Kasia Morette

Clerk

11/1/21

Date