

Longmeadow Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, March 1, 2018, Longmeadow Fire Training Room -7:00P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dr. Robert Baevsky.
The BOH unanimously approved a vote to allow remote participation by Dr. R. Rappaport, BOH Chair.

BOH members present were Dr. Robert Baevsky, Dr. Barry Izenstein, Dr. Richard Steingart, Mr. Michael Oumano and Maripat Toye, MS, RN.
Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow, Health Director, was also present.

- I. Public Comment Period-Five five community members were present. One member spoke in appreciation of the time the BOH and the town Selectmen provided regarding the development and work on the Bee Regulations. This individual commented that the Beekeepers were generally satisfied with the compromise between all the groups, but noted that he did not agree that a “certified letter needed to be sent to abutters of beekeeping individuals.”

There were no other comments from the public at this time.

- II. Approval of the meeting minutes from the November 20, 2017 BOH meeting.
Unanimous approval vote with no corrections or additions.
- III. Old Business-Votes to approve local Board of Health Regulations on three issues:

The CHO, Beverly Hirschhorn, and member, Maripat Toye, presented the three draft Regulations at the Longmeadow Selectmen meeting on February 20, 2018. The Selectmen endorsed all three Regulations as written with a minor change in the Beekeeping Regulation to change the term “bee colonies” to “bee hives.”

-Refuse and Recycling and Trash Regulations were accepted with a unanimous vote and to include a minor change to Section VII. to state that “Private waste haulers must (changed from “may”) charge a blended rate which reflects the cost of providing both services to these customers.” These new regulations involve all businesses in towns’ participation in recycling. Currently only town residents recycle. The regulations will comply with state guidance. The CHO will distribute the new Regulation to all Refuse and Recycling Trash Haulers involved in Longmeadow. She will create informational materials for the local newspapers and notify the Central Registry for the MA. Board of Health’s on the new Longmeadow Regulation. This will be completed by April 15 and the permit cycle for the Haulers will remain September, but all will have received notice of this change in Longmeadow’s Regulation.

-Tanning Regulations was accepted with a unanimous BOH vote. Dr. Rappaport thanked member, Michael Oumano, for his expertise and input into details of Tanning equipment and compliance with manufacturer guidelines.

-Bee Regulation was accepted with a unanimous BOH vote. The BOH acknowledged this was a compromise for all involved and appreciated the input and effort from community members on developing the Regulation. This draft was approved by the Selectman.

IV. New Business

1. Immunization Update- The influenza supply was depleted in January. The CHO and Town Nurse continue to research where there are available vaccines and offer alternative places to obtain the vaccine for town residents. Public health also includes public service. Longmeadow CVS also ran out of vaccine.
2. Pool Inspections for summer season. CHO discussed the possibility of hiring a summer intern to act as an agent to the BOH for inspection of swimming pools. There are 13 pools in town including the Country Clubs and the 2 Park and Recreation Pools. The town has been unable to find a trained person after posting a position for this role. The individual needs to be trained and licensed in this skill. The vote is on hold until further discussion and information.
3. Permittees:
 - Alex Bagels requested variance for in-ground grease trap receptor. The current menu qualifies the bagel shop to operate with the current type of sink set up. The CHO will continue to inspect and monitor the shop menu to validate that it may continue under this variance. The variance was unanimously approved by the vote of the BOH.
 - Longmeadow Country Club is undergoing construction for a new kitchen, snack shop, bar and pool. The CHO received the plans recently and the first "walk through" is completed. Further inspection of the plans and the site is still in process. The BOH will review at future date when all plans and inspections are complete.
 - Big Y (renovations to the current store in Longmeadow) and a new restaurant, The Republic, (former Hu Ke Lau site) have not submitted plans yet to the BOH.
4. Regionalization Grant-The CHO provided a flyer that displays all of the services offered by the BOH. Beverly Hirschhorn , CHO, received a \$25,000 grant for a summer graduate student intern to research the towns numerous community service and public health data that is currently collected by MA DPH in several of its current surveys. This data will help the BOH develop plans for the future for the towns many public health needs, services and BOH strategic plans.
5. The CHO received a Medical Reserve Grant (MRC) for \$7500 for developing a table-top and full scale "shelter training program" in the event of the need for emergency shelter including location and logistics, training personnel and volunteers, security planning and collaborative efforts with the Red Cross and other community groups.
6. The CHO received a letter of public notification from Peter Thurber from MA DEP regarding the public water system issue: HAA5 LRAA MCL Berkshire Bank location in Longmeadow. This is in regards to water samples from this one site that has identified HAA5s, which is a disinfection by-product in the water. Longmeadow purchases its water from Springfield. The CHO and MA DEP will be developing informational materials and notifications on this issue to the town Selectmen and residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Maripat Toye, MS, RN, Longmeadow Board of Health