

Regular Meeting
Milford Board of Health
January 18, 2024

Members Present: Paul Mazzuchelli, Leonard Izzo

Others Present: Bruno Orlandi, Health Director Daniel Syriala and Minutes Clerk Joan Clarico

At 4:30 Paul Mazzuchelli called the meeting to order

Approve Minutes from October 23, 2023

Paul Mazzuchelli made a motion to approve the minutes, Leonard Izzo seconded, they were approved unanimously.

Hearing for Central Travel Regarding Violations of the Food Code

On January 8th, 2024, Inspector Joan Clarico along with Inspector John Fernandez went to Central Travel to follow up on a complaint and perform a routine inspection. The complaint was selling fish from the freezer that had expired and placing new expiration dates over old ones. The inspectors validated the complaint and educated the owners of the store about the proper ways to date mark and to discard any product past its date.

During the inspection we found tobacco being sold without the tax stamp from Massachusetts, which is in the hands of the Tobacco Control Alliance. The establishment was also selling prescription medication without the proper licensing, so the Milford Police were called in.

After a food re-inspection, we found that all violations were corrected. Joan Clarico said she would be doing frequent check-ins to be sure they were on the right track.

Discussion of live chicken regulations for special permit holders

Paul Mazzuchelli said one of the catalysts for this regulation is the uptick in rodent complaints. Health Director Daniel Syriala said he met with Building Commissioner John Erickson about this regulation that was written according to the current zoning regulation. Daniel Syriala said he would like to meet with John again to finalize this because it would mean there would have to be a change in the zoning bylaw.

Discussion of Viral Respiratory Illness in relation to public meetings

Paul Mazzuchelli asked Dan Syriala to write a recommendation for the town moderator about the upcoming town meeting based on more than just COVID, but also other Viral Respiratory Illness. If the number of infected persons was exceptionally high, Paul Mazzuchelli said the Board of Health has the utmost authority to say we are not having an in-house meeting, it would have to be hybrid. Director Dan Syriala said that it is very costly to do a hybrid meeting, Paul Mazzuchelli said when it comes to public health, the cost must take a back seat.

Preliminary discussion on EL Harvey Contract

Daniel Syriala said Fiscal year 2024 seems to be right on budget but with the beginning of contract negotiations with EL Harvey, it sounds like there could be a substantial increase in the cost of waste in the next contract.

Recycling Dividend Program Grant Funds

Daniel Syriala said the Health Department has received an 18,000.00-recycling grant that can be used for many things. Our spending report is due at the end of February. Paul Mazzuchelli said the staff in the Health Department would know better what the needs are than the Board. He mentioned how in the past the Board of Health would purchase recycle totes through state contracted vendors at a discounted rate and were then able to pass the savings on to the residents.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01

Minutes respectfully submitted by Minutes Clerk Joan Clarico