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North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

Teleconference/Virtual

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pam Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent
Christine Doolin
Maureen Dorhety
Eric Evans
Steve O'Leary
Suresh Rao
Patricia Scrivanos
Vipin Hera

Mary Samost
Mike Adams
Millie
Mary Smith

7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

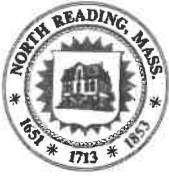
Previous minutes being reviewed, and will be signed and posted to the Board of Health/Health website.

Dunkin 13 Main Street. Local & State Food Code Violations

Mr. Bracey, Health Director reports that on July 21st, the Health Department received a call from a concerned parent of an employee who was working at Dunkin Donuts. The complaint alleged that the parent called and said that her son or daughter who is an employee of Dunkin Donuts was told to continue working during a sewage backup into the facility. Mr. Bracey received a text from the Board of Health Administrator, Chrissy Doolin at approximately 1:36pm. The complaint came in around 1:34pm. Mr. Bracey arrived to Dunkin Donuts around 1:45pm. Upon entering Dunkin Donuts the front door was locked an employee unlocked the door to let Mr. Bracey in. Mr. Bracey asked if there was a certified food manager on and was told there was not a food manger present. Mr. Bracey asked to get the manager on the phone and asked if they were notified of the situation and was told that they were notified and management had informed the kids that they needed to stay there and work through it and not close the doors.

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Mr. Bracey was able to get the general manager on the phone Mr. Hera and he explained he was just finding out about the situation. Mr. Hera was given some direction as to what needed to be done with cleaning, sanitizing the store, and getting a company in to do a Title-5 report on the system to make sure that the system was working properly.

Patricia Scrivanos stated that she is the Vice President of Operations for the Dunkin Donuts on 13 Main Street and Vipen Hera is the Director of Operations.

Mr. Hera, reports that he received a text 1:18pm from the store manager about a backup in the restaurant and he called John Sewer at 1:27pm. Mike Adams one of the store managers was sent to the sight to assess what was going to take place.

Patricia Scrivanos stated there was no one at Dunkin Donuts from 12-3 who was Servsafe certified.

Mr. Hunt asked what was the cause of the backup and what material was coming out of the floor?

Mr. Adams stated that John Sewer said there was a blockage about 50ft down from a bunch of toilet paper. Patricia Scrivanos stated that they have removed the paper napkins from the front counter and they are moving to single ply toilet paper. Patricia Scrivanos stated that they worked really hard to fix the problem and reopen.

Karen Martin asked why employees were not allowed to leave. Patricia Scrivanos stated it wasn't a question that they were not allowed to leave, it was a question that we were still assessing what happened so quickly.

Pam Vath asked if there was a new policy and procedure in place to prevent this from happening again. Patricia Scrivanos stated that they understood their mistake immediately and said they will put something in place and send it to Mr. Bracey to review.

Karen asked is there any sort of regulations to prevent this sort of event from happening again.

Mr. Bracey stated that he had a conversation with board member Pam Vath and they both had some preliminary discussions about how we could possibly amend chapter 2 of the local regulations. Drafting up some language to require any establishment in town if this does happen again that any establishment close immediately and contact the Health Department.

Suresh Rao asked how long does it take for regulation. He asked is there any value in putting something together immediately

Mr. Bracey stated that there is a procedure in drafting a regulation, we would have to draft the regulation have the board look at it and make sure whatever we are putting in writing doesn't constitute any violations. Mr. Bracey stated that he would have something ready for the next meeting.

Eric Evans stated that it sounds like we need some public messaging regarding proper use of restrooms in restaurants.

Maureen Doherty agrees with Eric Evans statement on public awareness. Maureen stated that she knows that Dunkin Donuts had the toilet paper snaked out but asked has there been any change to the line or any pipe that enters the building that has been replaced or changed out.

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Patricia stated that they have not replaced the pipe yet and it will take a couple of weeks to have the septic company come out and see if there are any defects along the line and if we find there is then we will replace whatever needs to be replaced.

Mr. Hunt stated the board is going to have a continued conversation about this and to see a corrective action plan from Dunkin Donuts regarding preventing the toilet clogging situation from happening again and as Karen Martin asked everything you do should be sent to the Health Director so he has a complete file on this. We have requested the owner appear at the next meeting; this matter is not closed.

Health Director Report

Mr. Bracey reports that within the community we are seeing a slight increase in positivity rate and we are also seeing increases throughout the surrounding communities. Our vaccination numbers for individuals with one dose are up to 90%, fully vaccinated individuals at 82%, individuals with one booster dose at 53% and individuals with a second booster dose at 10%. We have booster clinics coming up on August 15th at Town Hall from 5 to 6pm. We are going to continue to have clinic throughout the fall.

COVID testing site at Shriners in Wilmington is still available to all residents free of cost.

Mr. Bracey reports that he met with the representatives of Stop & Shop and Curative Health and plan to have preliminary discussions about having a COVID testing Kiosk at the Stop & Shop plaza.

August 2nd is National Night Out and Pam Vath will be there representing the Health Department and we will be distributing public health fact sheets and home test kits that we received from the state.

Mosquito Control: Mr. Bracey reports that our levels for Triple E are low and West Nile virus is low and only three confirmed West Nile non-human cases so far this season.

Title-5: The Title 5 season seems to be a bit slow right now.

Food Inspections: will continue to do that through the end of August and beginning of September.

Camps and Pools: Have all been inspected. No issues right now.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Pam Vath reported that she is continuing to monitor the number of cases in North Reading and we have had about 51 since the month of July which is significantly less. Pam has not heard of anyone who's been admitted to the hospital and died as a result of COVID in the month of July. Mr. Hunt asked do we have any idea of how many cases we are missing because people are testing at home. Mrs. Vath stated that we have lots and lots of people being tested that are not

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reporting to Maven. Maven does not collect the information on negative they only collect the information on positive. Pam did report that there was one positive staff case of COVID at the nursing home.

Next Board of Health Meeting is to be scheduled for August 29, at 7:00 PM.

Gary Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motion seconded by Karen Martin

All members voted unanimously in favor

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