

MINUTES

LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, May 1, 2006, 7:30P.M., Longmeadow Fire Station Community Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair.

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

- I. Public comment was taken at the beginning of this meeting.
Eleanor Stolar, Longmeadow resident, inquired why the March 6, 2006 BOH minutes were not on the town web site. Only "approved" minutes to the BOH meetings are posted to the web site and the March minutes meeting will be reviewed this evening and be posted when approved. The status of the January posting will be checked.
- II. The minutes of the regular BOH meeting of March 6, 2006 were unanimously approved and accepted. One minor typo was submitted for correction.
- III. Hearing on tobacco sale to minor at Maple Mobil Station.
BOH heard appeal from Mr. Alsallah, owner of Maple Road Mobil Service Station for removal of his stations third violation in 18 months for sale of tobacco to minor. Mr. Alsallah expressed his support of the BOH enforcing the importance of monitoring tobacco sales to minors and the impact and importance of the health risks of tobacco. He requests the BOH consider the burden on him as owner and the challenge of trying to monitor employees and that this violation occurred when a non employee was covering in his shop when he was unaware of this situation. He assures the BOH it will not occur again. The BOH discussed the importance of the tobacco sales regulation and empathized with Mr. Alsallah. The BOH noted that this was the third violation of tobacco sales to a minor at this station.
The BOH voted unanimously to uphold this as the third violation under the BOH authority granted by MGL, Chapter 111, and Section 31. The motion was to maintain the violation and require the fine of \$300.00 due and payable immediately (the fine is 3 days overdue on this date) and recommended no suspension of the license at this time for this business owner.
- IV. Promulgating the new regulations on the installation and maintenance of grease traps in food service establishments in Longmeadow was reviewed again by the BOH. (Last meeting the town manager suggested a regulation be in place regarding food trap grease regulations for the town.) A new policy was drafted and voted on by the members of the BOH. The BOH members voted unanimously in favor of the regulation on the guidelines for the installation and maintenance of grease traps in food service and establishments for the town of Longmeadow. Business owners have the option to present requests for variances to the BOH.
- V. Amendment BOH Youth Access Regulation
The regulation amendment on the sale of tobacco products was reviewed, edited and discussed in detail by BOH. Specific recommendations included section J-c. Third violation of tobacco sale to minor within a 24 month period a fine of \$300.00 and a 7 consecutive day suspension on tobacco sales, J-d. Fourth violation fine of \$300.00 and a 30 consecutive day suspension on tobacco sales. Add J-e to read a Fifth violation a fine of \$300.00 and a 60 consecutive day suspension of tobacco sales and add J-f to read that a Sixth violation a fine of \$300.00 and revoke license for the rest of the licensing period and requirement to "reapply" for tobacco sales license.

Beverly will provide the BOH members with a copy of this new proposal and will supply all tobacco license holders with copies of this new regulation and policy with the next license application cycle-Sept, 2006.

- VI. Idling Policy-Based on DEP regulations (310 CMR 7.11(1) (b) and per MGL Chapter 90, Section 16A, the BOH will formalize compliance with the DEP regulations by educating the community and enforcing the Idling Policy. Beverly will disseminate this policy to Longmeadow business owners, municipal fleet, bus drivers, residents and all affected by this policy. The BOH unanimously approved support of the Idling Policy and enforcement.
- VII. BOH members provided with update to access the FEMA Web sites for “Incident Command Courses” (IS-100 and IS-700) and test completion due by June 1, 2006.
- VIII. Upcoming Public Hearing on “Site Suitability of Transfer Station” discussed. Dates proposed for BOH members to be present at this hearing. Potential date is May 30, 2006. Dates need to be confirmed as this requires a 21 day posting notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Maripat Toye, RN, MS Longmeadow BOH