



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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DATE: October 5, 2016
TO: Board of Health
FROM: Kerry Stockwell, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Board of Health Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Vigeant, Maria Narducci, and Jordan Rubin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Leger, Chief of Environmental Health & Response – WDPH
Koby Owsu-Ansah, Regional Public Health Specialist – WDPH
Kristen Las, Assistant Town Manager
Kerry Stockwell – Administrative Assistant, Board of Health

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:13 a.m. by Steve Vigeant.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Jordan Rubin made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the August 31, 2016 Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Maria Narducci. Unanimously approved 3-0.
- 3. Central Mass Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA) Monthly Updates: September / October 2016**
Phil Leger provided the Board updates for the months of September and October 2016.

Staffing update

A few new employees have already come onboard and some will be starting the week of October 10, 2016. Katrina Stanziano is working on Emergency Preparedness (EP). Rosa Navarro is a brand new administrative employee. Previously, the administrative duties were shared amongst WDPH staff. A couple of Public Health Specialists will also be joining the Community Health team.

Regional Coalition meeting

The next meeting will be held in Shrewsbury on October 6, 2016.

Environmental Health (EH) team update

Local Public Health Institute Program: The Regional Public Health Specialists, Director, and Deputy Director of Public Health have all completed and graduated from this three (3) month course.

Soils Course: Koby Owusu-Ansah recently completed an eight (8) session course. He previously passed the classroom portion of the course and is waiting for the results of the field exam. Koby is third Public Health employee trained in the Title V Inspector and Soil Evaluator role.

No further training is planned at this time. The Health Department will be concentrating on annual permit renewals.

Lakeway Commons

The Health Department and other town staff met with some of the tenants who will be occupying the former Spag's location. There are six (6) food establishments that will be coming to Lakeway Commons: Whole

Foods, Starbucks (with a drive-thru), Burtons Grill, Sweet Pizza, Qdoba Mexican Eats, and Tavern in the Square. Phil Leger showed the Board a site plan indicating the locations of these establishments. In addition, there will be several retail businesses. In the rear of the property, there will be two hundred and fifty (250) rental units, and fifteen (15) town houses. There will also be one semi-public swimming pool. The Department Heads meet on a weekly basis at the construction trailer on-site in an effort to stay ahead of residential concerns. All of the key contacts have been very responsive. If there are after-hours issues, there is always someone available to assist. The anticipated opening date is late summer or early fall of 2017.

Positive Feedback

The Health Department received high praise from the Spirit of Shrewsbury and the food vendors that participated. They all said Koby Owusu-Ansah did a great job inspecting and is a gentleman.

Flu Clinics

Question: Will the Shrewsbury Health Department be hosting any flu clinics?

Answer: Pat Bruchmann, Public Health Nurse - WDPH will be setting up dates/times for flu clinics in the City of Worcester. She will send this information to Kerry Stockwell to post. The Health Department is not running any specific flu clinics at this time, due to the low turnout last year. A large portion of the vaccine ended up being returned to the State.

Recreational Marijuana

Question: Will Boards of Health have any involvement?

Answer: This item will be on the November 4, 2016 State ballot. If it passes, it would make the use of recreational marijuana legal. Earlier this week, the WDPH shared language with the Alliance that the City of Worcester’s Law Department put in place through a City Council ordinance that would give the authority to the Police Department to issue tickets to people that light up a marijuana cigarette on the sidewalk. If the Towns choose to adopt something similar, it gets ahead of the November 4 ballot question. Phil Leger made a note that the Board of Health is interested in draft regulations.

Medical Marijuana

WDPH will provide draft Medical Marijuana regulations for the Board of Health’s consideration. They are being prepared for the Worcester Board of Health at this time and when an approved draft becomes available, they will be shared with the alliance towns that have medical marijuana facilities forthcoming. This item would be placed on a Board of Health agenda in those towns and WDPH would walk them through the steps of the regulations. These regulations would be stricter than the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regulations but would allow more oversight at the local level.

Environmental Health (EH) Inspections

<u>Inspection Type</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Quarantines	four (4)
Possible Exposure to Rabies Reports	eleven (11)
Nuisance	four (4)
Housing	two (2)
Food – Routine food	twenty one (21)
Food – Temporary food*	nineteen (19)
Food – Complaints	one (1)
Other	four (4)
TOTAL	sixty six (66)

***Temporary food events**

	<u>Date(s) of Event(s)</u>
St. Mary’s Festival	September 16 thru September 18, 2016
Al-hamra Academy BBQ	September 18, 2016
Spirit of Shrewsbury	September 24 and 25, 2016
Farmer’s Market (at the Spirit of Shrewsbury)	September 25, 2016

All of the temporary food events had a large turnout. Next year, the Health Department would like to sit down with the Spirit of Shrewsbury Committee in an effort to streamline food vendor activity and obtain an accurate site plan outlining each food vendor booth. This information will allow for a more efficient inspection process.

Question: Has the Farmer's Market ended for the season?

Answer: Yes. It ended on September 21, 2016.

The Board had no further questions or comments.

4. **Next meeting.** To be held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., in the New Selectmen's Room.
5. **Adjourn.** Jordan Rubin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Seconded by Maria Narducci. Unanimously approved 3-0.

Correspondence:

- CMRPHA Monthly Update – September 2016
- CMRPHA Monthly Update – October 2016
- Board of Health Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2016
- Lakeway Commons Site Plan – No date