

Wellesley Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2018

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman  
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman  
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary  
Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate Member

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator  
Leonard Izzo, Director  
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, Liaison  
Regina LaRocque, Vice Chair, NRC

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am.

The Board of Health approved the meeting minutes from April 26, 2018 and the meeting notes from May 3, 2018.

**1. Administration**

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- Leaf blower regulations – Shep Cohen reported that there was an article in the Sunday Globe (5/20/18) about urban noise. Leaf blower regulations are to be discussed in a future meeting
- Town funded social worker meeting was held on May 3, 2018 – meeting notes were reviewed.
- Town-wide public awareness campaign – Cheryl Lefman will be working with Mr. Cohen on this.

b) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided an overview of the Department's recent activities, as follows:

- Vivian Zeng was formally introduced to the Board of Health. She assumed the Environmental Health Specialist position on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.
- The social worker position was posted until May 13, 2018 (Monster Board and Boston Globe). There were 14 applicants. Mr. Izzo will review the candidates and determine who will be interviewed.
- Camp meetings with the larger camps to include Boston Sports Club, Ten Acre and Linx have been taking place to review the new regulations. The new regulations have been difficult to work with and require a tremendous education effort by the staff. The Board of Health has suggested that Mr. Izzo contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for assistance.
- Leonard Izzo has not yet scheduled a firm meeting date with Superintendent David Lussier to discuss school safety.
- Mr. Izzo reported on his presentation with Ann Marie McCauley at Wellesley College.
- 900 Worcester St. – Mr. Izzo reported that there continues to be several issues in regard to groundwater and deforestation at the site. Mr. Izzo is asking for an outside contractor to review the plans.
- Boston Tattoo Convention – Mr. Izzo reported on his attendance at the convention.

c) Salary Reviews

The Board of Health agreed that a salary review must be conducted of all department staff. It has become evident with the recent hiring salary of the new Environmental Health Specialist that salaries are not commensurate with experience. The Board of Health will request a salary review with the Human Resource Board before the next meeting.

d) Mental Health Contracts FY19

New contracts for HRS and Charles River will be requested. There is a significant reduction in the fee to Charles River. Human Relations Services has been level funded.

e) Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting is taking place in June 2018.

## 2. Community Health

a) Natural Resources Commission and Gas Leaks

Dr. Regina LaRocque, Vice Chair of Wellesley NRC attended the meeting and asked to speak to the Board of Health in regard to gas leaks. Dr. LaRocque has requested that the Board of Health prepare

and send a letter to Governor Baker requesting that gas leaks in close proximity to school grounds be repaired; the School Committee has signed the letter. Dr. LaRocque played a video of a gas leak located on Seaver Street behind the Wellesley High School.

Dr. LaRocque will send the Board of Health a sample letter. Marcia Testa Simonson will create a Board of Health letter for the Board to review at their next meeting.

Dr. LaRocque thanked the Board of Health and the Health Department for their support during Rachel Carson Day.

b) Fund for Wellesley

The Health Department has submitted a grant application to the Fund for Wellesley, for transportation of low income children to summer camps and for low-income adults to social service agencies, court and other locations. Lenny Izzo reported that the grant funding has yet to be awarded.

c) Wellesley Housing Authority

Leonard Izzo reviewed the recent overdose death at the WHA. Following the incident, Mr. Izzo asked Human Relations Services (HRS) to provide several "listening sessions" for the residents of Morton Circle.

### **3. Environmental Health**

a) Tolles Parsons Kitchen

As noted in the Director's report of the last several meetings, the Tolles Parsons Kitchen has not been issued a Food Establishment permit. There have been no changes since the last meeting.

b) Food Establishments

Paparazzi - Leonard Izzo reported that Paparazzi will be closing on June 18 to undergo renovations. Mr. Izzo reported that the company did not provide the plans 30 days in advance.

Mark's Pizza – Leonard Izzo reported that the location will be moving to a location behind Dunkin Donuts. The current location will be raised.

Quebrada- is expected to be complete in the next few weeks

Smith and Wollensky has opened for dinner. Lunch openings will not be for several weeks.

Coming soon: Whites Bakery and Door 7.

c) Boston Sports Club (BSC) – pools

Leonard Izzo reported that the BSC scheduled an opening inspection for the outdoor pools for Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The pools had not been filled with water and could not be inspected. The management of BSC anticipated opening for the Memorial Day weekend. The pools will not be ready for opening in advance of the holiday weekend.

**4. Emergency Preparedness**

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

Cheryl Lefman reported that the abbreviated Breakfast and Learn First Aid program was offered at the Council on Aging on May 16.

**5. Other**

a) Action Item list 5/24/8

The Board of Health reviewed the Action Item List for 5/24/18.

The next meetings of the Board of Health will take place on June 7 and June 21, 2018.

This meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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Documents reviewed during this meeting and on file in the Health Department:

- Action Item List (05/24/18)
- School Committee letter to National Grid regarding gas leaks