

Wellesley Board of Health  
90 Washington St  
Wellesley, MA  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2018

Present:

Board:

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

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist  
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator  
Leonard Izzo, Director  
Ann Marie McCauley, Nursing Supervisor  
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, liaison  
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectman  
Rebecca Taylor, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 9:40am.

The Board of Health approved the meeting minutes from June 7, 2018.

**1. Administration**

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- Substance Use Services (SUS) - review of new program at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.
- Town-wide public awareness campaign – Cheryl Lefman will be working with Mr. Cohen on a tri-fold document that must be ready by the end of July.

b) Director's Report

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

- Camp meetings are on-going. Busiest day of the year for camp openings will be Monday June 25. Five nurses have been assigned to camp inspections
- Morses Pond beach is operating. Pond sampling takes place on Wednesdays. The Recreation Department takes the samples and drives them into the laboratory for testing. Results are usually available by 1p.m. on Thursdays.
- Wellesley College academic summer program – Mr. Izzo has met with the program directors and the health services. There will be approximately 275 students. Wellesley College will be operating the Health Services five days a week thru the summer.
- Camp Exploration last season will be the summer of 2019. The organization will be moving out of Wellesley.
- Babson College has an international program with only 87 to 89 students. Babson is under construction and has presented a challenging year for camp safety.

c) Social Worker position

The social worker position was posted until May 13, 2018 (Monster Board and Boston Globe). There were 14 applicants. Mr. Izzo interviewed three of the 14 candidates.

Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

d) Human Relations Contract (HRS)

The Board of Health reviewed the HRS contract for FY19. The board voted and approved the contract pending administrative changes.

e) Salary Reviews

At the last meeting Shep Cohen reported that the Board of Health will request a salary review of the department staff with the Human Resource Board. Mr. Cohen will contact the Human Resource Board before the next meeting.

## 2. Community Health

a) Natural Resources Commission and Gas Leaks

At the May 24, 2018 meeting Dr Regina LaRocque, Vice Chair of the Wellesley NRC spoke to the Board of Health in regard to gas leaks. Dr. LaRocque 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.

At the last meeting it was confirmed that Marcia Testa Simonson will draft a Board of Health letter for the Board to review at their next meeting.

b) Fund for Wellesley

At the last meeting it was reported that the Health Department had 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.

At today's meeting Mr. Izzo reported that the Fund for Wellesley transportation grant awarded \$5k for low income children to attend summer camp. Mr. Izzo reported that additional funding is needed to cover the cost of the busses. The Board of Health voted to approve the use of up to \$3100 from the Healthy Wellesley Fund to supplement the transportation grant.

c) Programming

The following programs are in place for July:

- July 19, 2018 – Ticks and Mosquitoes Program at Council on Aging
- July 21, 2018 – July Jubilation table with Natural Resources Commission

d) Nursing Report

Ann Marie McCauley reported that per diem nurse, Regina Kealey will be taking the summer off and that Andrea Blossom has taken a full time position and will only be available to work weekends when needed.

### 3. Environmental Health

a) Livestock

Leonard Izzo reviewed the request of South Woodside Avenue resident to have a pet pig (potbelly, teacup, miniature). The pig would be coming from a breeder in Washington DC. Mr. Izzo has been researching pig behavior. Zoning laws are different for swine than for chickens. He reported that a swine permit would require a board variance and that the regulations require that the Board of Health have an annual hearing.

Mr. Izzo reported on the current regulations that livestock is not permitted to live inside the home. Mr. Izzo reported that Sue Webb (ACO) is concerned about rooting behavior and hoofing.

b) 900 Worcester St. Project

At the last meeting Mr. Izzo reported on his meeting with the architect and pool designer. Mr. Izzo had reviewed the concerns with the pool and reported on his concerns regarding having food service/bar services in the building. Mr. Izzo had reported that they must consider the future uses of the building and provide grease traps should there be an intent to dine.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) 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.

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that she is now the new liaison to the Council on Aging and that there is a new Council on Aging Board in place. Ms. Sullivan Woods reported that a large punch list is now in place.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Food Establishments- Alta Strada

Lenny Izzo, Holly Detroy and Vivian Zeng reported on the recent closure of Alta Strada.

Vivian Zeng reported that on June 7, 2018 Wellesley police dispatch contacted the office requesting an Environmental Health Agent on site due to an employee accident in the food preparation area. Ms. Zeng responded that day and noticed various issues in the kitchen. This prompted a full comprehensive inspection on June 15, 2018, where she cited many critical issues. Ms. Zeng reported an extensive rodent problem along with a roach infestation. The restaurant was ordered to correct the violations within 5 days, or the facility would be suspended until pest issues were mitigated.

On June 20, 2018 Holly Detroy and Vivian Zeng conducted a re-inspection of the establishment. Additional violations were cited. The mice and roach infestation were still very apparent. Alta Strada was ordered to cease and desist food preparation and food service with an

emergency closure due to an imminent health hazard.

Photographs were taken during the closure and were presented and reviewed by the Board.

The restaurant remained closed and an administrative hearing was scheduled for 6/22/18.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

e) Food Establishments

- Upper Crust –Holly Detroy reported on ongoing issues at the location- no consistent management, no consistent safe-serv staff. Mr. Izzo will be meeting with the manager about the future plans for the establishment.
- Papparazzi - Leonard Izzo reported that Papparazzi closed on June 18 to undergo renovations. Re-opening is anticipated for August.
- Quebrada –Mr. Izzo reported the renovations are complete and the location has reopened.
- Whites Bakery – is coming and will be located near the old Bertuccis Restaurant.
- Harvard Pilgrim – the food service is being taken over by another company
- Roche Brothers- Poke and Ramen Bowls bars are now open at the Wellesley store.

f) Boston Sports Club (BSC) – pools and camps

At the last meeting Mr. Izzo reported that BSC has been poorly organized this year in regard to camps. Several of the BSC camps were supposed to open and were postponed as the complex was not ready. The emergency pool phones are now operational and there still are many facility issues that need to be addressed.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

**4. Emergency Preparedness**

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

**5. Other**

a) Action Item list 07/17/18

The Board of Health reviewed the Action Item List for 6/21/18.

The next meetings of the Board of Health will take place on July 17, 2018.

This meeting adjourned at 11:35 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 (06/21/18)
- Alta Strada photos dated 6/20/18
- NWH SUS flier
- Human Relations agreement for FY19