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Kelly Dixon, MSN, RN (2021)

**Board of Health – Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019**

2nd Floor Community Room, 20 Sanderson Street

10:00 AM

Members:

- Present: **Steven Adam**, Chair (June, 2019)
- Present: **Dr. William Doyle**, Member (June, 2020)
- Present: **Kelly Dixon**, MSN, RN, Member (December, 2021)

Also Present:

- Cheryl Volpe, RN BSN
- Jasmine Ward, Admin Assistant
- Josh Soloman, Reporter
- Mike Thompson, Infuzed Productions
- Raul Matta, Infuzed Productions
- Nancee Bershoff
- Sean Appleton, Tiny Soup Kitchen

List of documents used at this meeting:

1. Using Composting Toilets and Grey-water Systems in Mass: Common Wealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Department of Environmental Protection
2. Informational guide to Phoenix Composting Toilet
3. Tiny Soup Kitchen – Mesa Verde memo update from Jami Kolosewicz
4. Geo Report of Commercial Properties with unpaid 2019 Renewals

1) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Adam @ 10:06AM

2) Vote to accept minutes: *Motion to accept November 6th; all in favor*
Motion to accept December 4th; all in favor

3) Appoint Consultant as Health Agent: *Motion: to appoint Jami Kolosewicz as Agent for the Board of Health; all in favor*

4) Nomination of Animal Inspector for the city: *Motion: to appoint Jasmine Ward as our second animal inspector; all in favor*

5) Compostable Toilet- 696 Colrain Road: Homeowner, Nancee Bershoff is looking for approval from the board an for installation of two compostable toilets. She currently has an aged septic system that was installed in 1966. The main goals of installing the compostable toilets presented as: being more environmentally sustainable, minimizes the wear on septic system, minimizes the use of fresh water and creates materials for fertilization, of her pollinated plants.

Motion: to proceed with installation of two compostable toilets at 696 Colrain Road; all in favor

6) Tiny Soup Kitchen: Owner Sean Appleton seeks approval for use of space at 221 Main Street as a takeout soup restaurant. Sean detailed plans operate "Tiny Soup Kitchen" out of the location known as "Ice Cream Alley" during their off season, (detailed list of his plans provided). He plans to cook soups once a week using the permitted kitchen at Mesa Verde. Per recommendation of Health Agent, Jami; she feels that one more inspection of Mesa Verde would be beneficial to determine if that restaurant can be pulled off of a bi-monthly inspection schedule and thereby granted approval for Sean to use the kitchen to produce his soups. Recommendations were also made to have Sean store all of "Tiny Soup Kitchens" soups in a separate area, away from Mesa Verde's food, and clearly marked.

SA: Application has been Reviewed, after Mesa Verde's second (bi-monthly) inspection, and based on those findings you will be good to go.

7) Infuzed Productions: Mike Thompson spoke to the Board about hosting cannabis educational events. The goal of these events is to bring attention to the benefits of the product. I want to bring together growers, recreational applicants, and prospective buyers –want to bring them to Greenfield, hopefully a place that recognizes it as a beneficial product.

SA: Are you retailers? – **MT:** no, I am seeking to provide educational info of the cannabis industry serving as an event coordinator. **RM:** Currently I am working with Mike looking at the benefits of using cannabis as an opioid alternative, and attempting to create that connection through education and networking at these events. I am working on my law degree; background is in community outreach specifically on HIV and opioid use prevention (for the last 20 years). – we seek to educate about alternative medicines.

SA: it seems that going forward with what the voters wanted at the polls is different from what they got. It appears to me that the road to being successful in this is full of a wide verity of pit falls, particularly with the federal government vs the states position. With the current information we are getting from the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) It seems like it changes often, it is a moving target. BoH is not wild about Cannabis; we have two medical professionals on the board, a nurse and a pathologist.

DD: I have seen a lot of evidence of effects of ingesting smokes into the lungs. Primarily concerned about the youth smoking Marijuana, it seems like you are going after people who are coming out of addiction. - **MT:** We are looking to speak to the medicinal benefits, not targeting particular group.

DD: what is your position on under 18 attending your events? **MT:** the events would be 21 plus carded at the door. 18 years of age, even with a medical card, still not allowed. Exhibitors are not allowed in without ID's. strict with polices and enforcing them. **RM:** Goal is to move cannabis use away from the stigma, increasing awareness. I worked with recovering drug users previously and see opportunity for Greenfield specifically to move people away from Suboxine dependencies. **MT:** goal is to work with LBoH to put information out, build up and promote people's health.

KD: who are your resources? – **MT:** Cannacare docs, other pro-marijuana doctors, happy to forward resources.

RM: OUI law signage is posted at every event. – Anything that they leave with is put in a sealed "byob" take out container.

SA: what would I see if I were to attend one of these events? **MT:** It displays the image of a farmers market. Tables of marijuana and its products, artist, painters, glass blowers, cannabis enthusiasts. Contracts with exhibitors and vendors, they understand the law; "gifting" not sales. Police are hired to do details at all events.

DD: My fear is that anyone, with any kind of ailment is given a pass, even if ailment is not legitimate. Not objecting to what you are doing, just happy to see only dealing with 21 years and older.

KD: I want to make sure that the events meet our specifications with toilets and such. Make sure that you if you are doing the educational piece, which you provide information that has been vetted and scientifically proven. I think it's great to give other options to those overcoming addiction.

RM: we understand the need for adequate information, and education. We would like to ideally work local organizations and hopefully one day help with funding, rather than just being a pop up fly under the night event holders.

MT: we have the platform to get information to the people who are vaping marijuana.

KD: we would also need to intervene in regards to food vendors? -**MT:** I would like to have the events catered by the meadows food vendor once they are established, I am well aware of all indoor consumption laws. We have not had any food sold at any previous events. We will not be selling any liquor. ABC standards state that liquor cannot even be in the restaurant space during the events.

SA: Essentially you are gathering businesses in a common location as a trade show. At current, what you are doing, doesn't come under the BoH, except under the Regulations of food and our recommendations for number of Portable toilets to have accessible.

JW: If there is a situation where a caterer is used. The caterer is required to provide the health dept with a notice of catering an event. This is needed to document an event where food is served to the public in case there is every a food borne illness outbreak.

8) Overdue inspections, complaint numbers: **JW:** in the past six months we have logged 116 Health complaints

9) Health hiring update from mayors office: **CV:** the hiring process continues, few candidates, narrowed it to one, search is still out there for health directly. The position isn't posted online. **CV:** I wish to apply for the Health director position. Chairmen Steve will follow-up with HR to see resume on candidate for inspector.

10) Septic Inspections: There are 5 septic construction permits that are issued, that we are on notice of.

SA: I did an observation of a lampblack rd septic system that needed a component changed out. Glen Ayers will be assisting pro-bono, on as needed basis to help with septic inspections/ reviews.

11) **Unpaid permit renewals 2019:** Allow for one week grace period for collection of weekly late fees of \$25.00. Starting Monday, Jan 14th late fees will be placed on delinquent accounts.

12) **Conflict of Interest Laws:** packets given to Board members, receipts signed.

13) **Next Meeting:** February 6th 2019, 10:00 am

14) **Adjournment: 12:15 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,



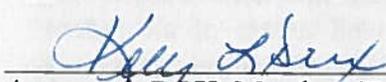
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