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Board of Health Meeting Town Hall BOH Office November 30th, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Kierson Broman(COA), MaryAnn Pease (tax Collector), Norma MacDonald, Jane Sutton, Nick Chiusano(NC), Duane Pease(DP) BOH, Elizabeth Massa(EM)BOH, Brian Fogue (BOS), Richard Sutton (BOS), Stephen Rigazio (COA Director Assistant), Douglas Lyman, Melissa McAuliffe, David Pierce, Pat Post, Avril Willemain

Open Public Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Agenda

-Approve last meeting minutes of November 6th, 2023. DP motion, all approved.

-Discuss town food permits and serv safe requirements. NC gave a general summary of the Food Permit process in Chester with many interruptions by participants. Food permits are available online on the Permit Eyes portal for both yearly and temporary permits. These permits are submitted by Chester Businesses, Commercial Kitchens, Temporary Food Vendors and any other organization who would like to serve food to the public. Potluck food events were the majority of questions and concerns. Chapter 230 of the Acts of 2014 signed into law by the State of Massachusetts and the MGL c.94 section 328A.

-Chester Foundation Food Permit including renting the kitchen. On November 22, 2023 the BOH provided a letter to the Chester Foundation that their current 2023 Food Permit was no longer valid due to the current Serv Safe Manager holder not being responsible for any Food Events or the commercial kitchen in the caboose and in the train station. The same information was reiterated about the Food Code by NC. DL was concerned that the letter to the Chester Foundation was a "summary suspension of a permit without notice or a hearing" This notice was sent to the Chester Foundation upon recommendation of the Health Agent that an imminent health hazard existed because there was no Serv Safe Manager holder in charge of the Commercial Kitchen which is part of Kitchen Policies where at least one person shall be an on-site manager or supervisor who is a certified food protection manager. Potluck guidance was reiterated. The main concern from DP was the upcoming Holiday Party at the Railstation. Potluck Food would require a mass allergen permit holder which will be KB. The Chester Foundation is pursuing their Serv Safe Manager Certification.

-COA Food Permit KB felt that she was being targeted for her need for a food permit. Up to this point in time, Sarah Bird from Classic Pizza has been the temporary stand in as the holder of a Serv Safe Certification, which included her present at all food functions of the COA. The food permit for the COA was no longer valid because the previous Serv Safe Manager was no longer a part of the COA, KB would therefore need to be the new Serv Safe manager holder if food was to be prepared/kitchen equipment used/food reheated, etc. Potluck Food would require a Mass Allergen Certificate and also signage that food has not been inspected, and no kitchen facilities including reheating of foods would be acceptable. Details of the guidance provided by Health Agents Charlie Kaniecki and Claudia Sarti was provided to all attendees of the meeting. KB also stated that the issue of paying for the certification course was a challenge. EM stated that she thought the BOS should be paying for the food certificate as the COA is a town entity serving the senior residents of Chester. MAP agreed and also BF. It will be discussed with the BOS. KB has obtained her Mass Allergen Certification which covers Potluck Foods and this was reiterated. KB will work on her Serv Safe Certification so that the

COA will be fully qualified for any food event and the public health safety standard will be upheld.
And any other concerns that can not wait for the next posted meeting

Meeting will adjourn DP motion to adjourn, all approved 6:49pm

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Elizabeth Matte