

December 13, 2016

Meeting Opened: 7:30 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall  
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringhurst; Richard Beaugard  
Members Absent: Mona Bissany  
Others Present: Stephan Schaub – monitoring meeting, associate member interest  
Tiemin Zhang & Sandy Wong – Eastern Pearl Restaurant  
Brian & Kathy Lane – 1 State Street

Richard Beaugard introduced to Board of Health members Stephan Schaub and said that Mr. Schaub is considering applying for an associate member seat on the Board. Board members warmly welcomed and thanked Mr. Schaub for considering public service by serving on the Board of Health.

**MOTION:** made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health accept the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting as amended. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Public Hearing – Eastern Pearl Restaurant:

**Documents/Exhibits – Deputy Health Agent’s Certified letter dated 11/9/16; Inspection Reports dated 10/6, 11/8, 11/10, 11/23/16 (on file Health Dept.).**

**MOTION:** made by William Morris to open the public hearing Eastern Pearl Restaurant: Roll Call: Richard Bringhurst – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Richard Beaugard – aye; William Morris – aye. 7:35 PM.

Mr. Zhang and Ms. Wong were ordered to appear before the Board of Health after they failed to comply in a timely manner to an order issued by the Health Department, dated October 14, 2016, requiring that they provide on-site training to all kitchen staff from a certified food service educator and update their Sushi Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Plan (HACCP). Deputy Health Agent, Melissa Ranieri, informed the Board of Health that Certified Food Safety Consultant, John Szeto, provided food service training for six employees on November 11, 2016, and that her November 23, 2016, re-inspection found the restaurant’s HACCP Plan and food service training in compliance. Ms. Ranieri said that her only concern during the inspection was when the dishwasher was first turned on the length of time it took to reach the minimum wash/rinse temperature. Mr. Zhang addressed the Board and said that it is an older dishwasher and that Absolute Appliance Service Company has replaced the wash gauge and kitchen staff instructed to give the machine time to warm up before being used. William Morris said that it is the responsibility of the Health Department to make sure that restaurants in Walpole are operating properly and that any violation is corrected in a timely manner and that the Board’s concerns in this case is the length of time it took for corrective action/training to be taken. Mr. Morris stressed that as food establishment owners it is your responsibility to ensure that all employees receive proper food service training and that training periodically is reinforced in order to protect the public’s safety. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Zhang and Ms. Wong for their compliance and to keep up the good work.

**MOTION:** made by William Morris to close the public hearing: Roll Call: Richard Bringhurst – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Richard Beaugard – aye; William Morris – aye. 7:43 PM.

Septic Variance – 1 State Street:

**Documents/Exhibits – Variance request dated 11/29/16 & Proposed Septic Design Plan (on file Health Dept.).**

Homeowner Brian Lane addressed the Board of Health regarding the variance request for the failed septic system at 1 State Street, to allow a four foot separation to ground water instead of the Title V five foot requirement in order to reduce the height of the mound in the front yard of the property and reduce any potential impact to the buffer zone.

**MOTION:** made by Richard Beaugard that regarding the Septic Variance – 1 State Street, the Board of Health has no immediate concerns granting the request and allow a four foot separation from ground water instead of the required five foot separation (310 CMR 15.212). Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Special Permit & Variance – West and Elm Streets:

**Documents/Exhibits – Special Permit Application & Variance (on file Zoning Board of Appeals); Deputy Health Agent’s summary.**

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Special Permit & Variance – West and Elm Streets, Case #21-16, to modify a previous ZBA decision, Case #4-00, which allowed for 534 parking spaces for a fee, and allow 47 spaces for a fee, decrease the number of spaces from 534 to 261, and replace the 1999 plan of record for the proposed new plan.

**MOTION:** made by William Morris that regarding the Special Permit Application and Variance, Case #21-16, the Board of Health reiterates comments and concerns previously made at our November 15, 2016 meeting to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, in particular the reduction of parking spaces and the anticipated demand for parking in that downtown area. Seconded by Richard Beauregard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

Sharing Table Initiative:

Robin Chapell commended Maria Hall for her dedication and innovative ideas as Director of School Nutrition, Walpole Public Schools. Ms. Chapell explained that the Sharing Table Initiative will provide an area in school cafeterias where whole unwanted food served with a school lunch may be returned and those food items made available for consumption to children who may want them. Ms. Chapell said the goal of the initiative is to minimize the amount of untouched food from being thrown out.

**MOTION:** made by Carol Johnson that regarding the Sharing Table Initiative developed by Maria Hall, Director of School Nutrition, with the support of Robin Chapell, Health Director, the Board of Health has no concerns with the HACCP Guidelines and is very enthusiastic about this new approach. Seconded by Richard Beauregard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget:

**MOTION:** made by William Morris that the Board of Health approves the Fiscal Year 2018 budget which adequately meets public health needs for the community that the Health Director has submitted to town administration. The Board does recognize that the budget does not include FY2018 solid waste and recycling expenses pending a decision by the Board of Selectmen regarding a new solid waste and recycling contract.

Update:

Solid Waste & Recycling for Fiscal Year 2018:

The Health Director said that the Board of Selectmen has scheduled the solid waste/recycle contract proposals for their January 3, 2017 meeting. Ms. Chapell said that the selectmen delayed any decision in December because they wanted to give residents the opportunity to view the recycle/trash containers (on display outside the Health Department) that are being considered for use with an automated collection.

**MOTION:** made by Carol Johnson to adjourn. Seconded Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Meeting Closed: 8:00 P.M.