

BOH Meeting Minutes 12/5/18 (6:00pm)

Present were: Agent Bernardo, Chairman Maxim, and Members Spratt and Poillucci. Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:20pm. LakeCam was present to record.

Continued discussion to review and approve proposed regulations on the new MA Food Code (Prepackaged food) –

- Regulations Requiring Permits for Establishments That Offer Only Prepackaged Foods that are not Time/Temperature Control for Safety - Agent Bernardo said the Board had recommended the addition of the definition of the word non-grocery. Added to the definitions on the regulations was: "Non-grocery store pre-packaged food items: include: chips, baked goods, snacks, chocolate bars, candy, gum and soft drinks that do not require refrigeration". Also changed under permits required- "A retail food establishment such as a non-grocery store shall be required to obtain a permit for the sale of pre-packaged foods that are listed and foods that are not time/temperature control for safety". Agent Bernardo said at the Public Hearing they can discuss fees. He explained that there have been changes in the food code. A food establishment does not include an establishment that offers only pre-packaged foods that are not temperature controlled for safety. Agent Bernardo felt it was important that everything be inspected. Items are recalled, items expire, items need to be stored properly, and some may expand their operation thinking a food permit is not necessary. Chairman Maxim said they had discussed a fee of \$25.00, but now he's thinking there should be no fee since it's no longer a State regulation. Member Poillucci agreed there should be no fee. There was a discussion regarding the permit and fee.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, seconded by Member Spratt, it was:

Voted: to approve the regulation as written with no fee for the Public Hearing on the 19th.

Unanimous approval.

- Regulations for Bed & Breakfast Operation - Agent Bernardo said currently there are no Bed & Breakfasts. The State only recognizes over 6 bedrooms, or over 18 guests as requiring inspections. The requirement for rental properties has been added along with the food code. Chairman Maxim said he was fine with the Bed & Breakfast permit being without fee (they would still need to fulfill requirements for a rental property), and they would need a residential kitchen permit.

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:

Voted: to approve the regulations for a Bed & Breakfast for a Public Hearing on the 19th as typed.

Unanimous approval

- Residential Kitchen Regulations - There was a discussion regarding what constitutes a residential kitchen. Agent Bernardo said he would propose they adopt the regulation as what a residential kitchen is required to have with the exception of charitable organizations.

He clarified these would be the regulations for a Bed & Breakfast or residential kitchen, excluding a charitable organization. A charitable organization would need to post what is in the item (for allergens) and post that the item came from a kitchen not inspected by the Board of Health. Chairman Maxim was fine with omitting the Title V inspection.

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:
Voted: to approve the residential kitchen regulations with the exception of charities and churches and Title V inspections for the Public Hearing on the December 19th as typed.
Unanimous approval.

Review and Approve Board of Health Meeting Minutes from November 21, as typed –

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:
Voted: to approve the meeting minutes from November 21st as typed.
Unanimous approval.

Nature's Remedy - Agent Bernardo said they have started the application process and he did a quick walk through of the kitchen. The applicant would like to start testing the equipment soon, making regular brownies, etc. Agent Bernardo said they will need to finish the application process and they could possibly get a temporary license to test the equipment. There was a discussion regarding the facility.

Saga Fusion - The application has been given to the owners and it will be on the next meeting. They are looking for a January 1st opening. The septic and grease trap inspection has been done but they don't have an occupancy permit yet so Agent Bernardo has not done a walk through. Member Poillucci said they can approve the permit subject to inspections.

Adjournment –

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, seconded by Member Spratt, it was:
Voted: to adjourn.
Unanimous approval.