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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
February 11, 2020 – MINUTES**

**Members Present:** William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

**Others Present:** Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Ryan Bushey

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- **Ryan Bushey – MV Community Services – Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Regulation variance request to eliminate external grease interceptor and to utilize only internal grease traps for new food establishment**

Mr. Bushey explained that they were asking for this variance for the Early Childhood Center because the building will function the same way the existing center does. They bring food over from the High School in Cambro serving dishes and serve directly to the kids so it is not a true commercial kitchen function. There are two small serveries and there is also an infant room that has a kitchenette with a dishwasher that is only used to sanitize bottles. Those three spaces have commercial dishwashers. For the infant room they are requesting that it not be served by any grease interception and that the two serveries have an internal grease trap only; no external interceptor. Mr. Butterick made a motion to recommend accepting this proposal. All in favor.

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:**

- **Site Plan Review Application - High School Athletic Fields**

Ms. Lancaster stated that the Planning Board had sent the field application around to see what Boards may have regulatory purview over the project. In a cursory review, the only items she feels would apply to BOH is storm water management and the concession. She wanted to make the Board aware that a submission was made to the Planning Board as part of the entire application process. Several people involved with the project attended the meeting and gave the Board an update on the process and plan review, during the course of conversation with the Board it was mentioned that they intended to utilize on-site waste disposal. This was not clear from the submission and will add to the items over which the BOH has oversight.

- **DRI Referral-Oak Bluffs Landfill Ground Mounted Solar Facility Project**

Ms. Lancaster stated that this is a preliminary plan and will go directly to the DEP for permitting as the proposed work is on the capped landfill.

- **Change of inspectional frequency for food establishments**

Ms. Lancaster stated that the new 2013 Food Code includes a provision for risk based inspections. Since commencing scoring with Food Code Pro we have a better ability to judge the performance of establishments. Under the FDA model, an establishment with repeat priority violations would be inspected more frequently. After two successful inspections the establishment can have a reduction of their frequency. The frequency can also be reduced for repeat excellent performance on inspections. Ms. Lancaster is working on putting inspectional policies in place that will be clear and transparent.

**AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:**

- **Restaurant Inspection Updates – Item postponed**

**OTHER**

- **Coronavirus**

Ms. Lancaster stated that she was recently on a conference call with the CEO from MVH, the Boards of Health and the Police Department. During the call, concern was raised that the number of cases is exploding in China and there will be more spread of it despite the travel restrictions. There are regularly scheduled Tuesday and Thursday conference calls to keep in touch about this epidemic. They are also reminding people that it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Mr. Butterick was impressed with the hospital and Health Agents keeping abreast of the situation.

Ms. Lancaster stated that she spoke to the Mass Association of Health Boards regarding the proposed Plastic Bottle Ban By-law that is currently circulating and it is on the agenda for the Selectmen this evening. Her only concern is that the way the regulation is written is the BOS or designee (the designee for every town on this island has been the BOH) would regulate it and unless this is created locally with the BOH we are not able to enforce it. She provided the Board with a draft letter she wrote to the BOS explaining that an additional enforcement obligation for our dept. is not feasible at this time.

Mr. Butterick made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.