



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
November 21, 2024

Open Conference / Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Members Present:

Brian Green. MD (Chair)
Margaret H Coit, Board Member
Alyssa Dubois, Board Member
Lucy Barrows, Recording Secretary
Karin Carroll, Director of Health & Human Services
Bonny Caroll, Tobacco Control Coordinator
Nicholas Antanavica, ISD

Roll Call: Brian Green

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Brian Green made a motion to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. It was seconded by Margaret Coit. All in favor.
- 2. Minutes Approval:** Brian Green made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17th, 2024. It was seconded by Margaret Coit. All in favor.
- 3. Tobacco Violation and Suspension- Blue Moon Smoke Shop**

The retailer did not appear before the Board and had requested a continuance of the hearing until December's meeting due to a change in legal representation. The request was denied, and the violation and suspension stand. Brian Green motioned to approve the suspension and Margaret Coit seconded. All in favor
- 4. Hearing Request for HVAC Variance at 46 Porter St – Nick Antanavica**

The landlord and tenant appeared at the Board and presented their respective arguments. The tenant claimed he was entitled to HVAC / air conditioning per his lease. The landlord requested the variance siting that it was not possible to provide HVAC to the unit given the restrictions of the older building. ISD to go onsite with the landlord and contractor to assess viability of HVAC in the unit. The hearing is continued to the January 2025 meeting at which time ISSD will report back to the Board.

5. Variance Request –Sushi Rice- Legal Seafood on the Mystics

Legal Seafood requested to be put on the January meeting.

6. Variance Request- Body Piercing- Rowan Company

Company presented their variance request to the 2-year experience requirement in the Body Art Regulation. Given their staff are nurses, they argued the staff meet the experience criteria with their experience as nurses prior to working as body piercing artists. Board approved the variance request. Brian Green motioned to approve the variance request and Alyssa DuBois seconded. All in favor.

7. Variance Request –Sushi Rice- H-Mart

The Board approved the variance following a brief discussion regarding food handling protocols. Board approved the variance request. Brian Green motioned to approve the variance request and Margaret Coit seconded. All in favor.

8. Tobacco Permit Transfer

Bonny Carroll presented the request from PK Convenience tobacco retailer to transfer their permit to the new owner Mijanur Jowel allowable per the Somerville tobacco regulations. A Bill of Sale was provided. Board approved the transfer request. Brian Green motioned to approve the variance request and Margaret Coit seconded. All in favor.

9. Nicotine Free Generation

Bonny Carroll and Karin Carroll provide the Board with a brief overview of the NFG initiative and asked the Board if they would like an expert presentation on the initiative at the next Board meeting. The Board asked Bonny Carroll to schedule an expert presentation on the topic. Brian green motioned to schedule presentation and Margaret Coit seconded. All in favor.

10. Inspectional Services Update – Nick Antanavica reminded people that we are into the colder seasons, we anticipate higher calls for no hot water, no heat and broken pipes.

11. Health and Human Services Updates – Karin Carroll referred to the HHS Quarterly report provided to the Board. Karin Carroll mentioned the Warming Center is on track to open December 8th.

4 Next Meeting: December 19th ,2024

Meeting Adjourn: Brian Green moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Margaret Coit seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Barrows
Board of Health Recording Secretary