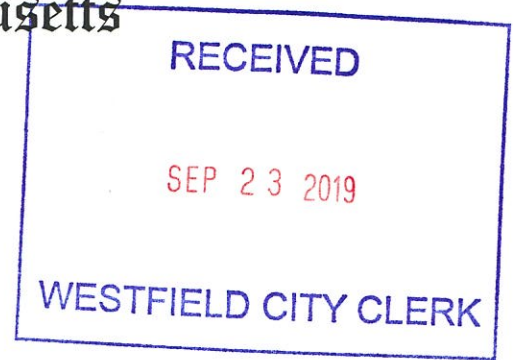




City of Westfield, Massachusetts  
Health Department

Board of Health Meeting  
Room 201  
August 14, 2019



Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Teresa Mitchell, M.D.

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 6:22 p.m. There was no one present wishing to speak during the public participation portion of the meeting. The Board began discussing items on the agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:**

PFAS Discussion – Kristen Mello: Ms. Mello presented the Board members with a letter requesting that the Board take action in protecting the public health of residents with regard to their exposure to PFAS in the drinking water. She suggested that further testing of the water be conducted by UMASS Amherst’s Clark Lab to ensure the water’s safety. She also provided charts illustrating the analysis of water collected, bench scale sample reports, and links to additional information. The Board agreed to review the materials presented and place this on the agenda for their next month’s meeting.

Tobacco/Vaping Retail Sales Discussion: Because vaping has become a serious problem in our community, Inspector Thomas Hibert provided a memo to the Board members with proposed changes to the current tobacco regulations. Specifically, changes to the tobacco definition, sales restrictions, vendor/employee training, and fines/penalties were introduced. A draft revision to the current tobacco regulations will be prepared and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES:**

Mutual Aid for West Springfield Big E Inspections: The Town of West Springfield has asked for the assistance of our Health Inspectors to inspect food vendors during the Big E. The Town drafted an MOA, of which Mr. Rouse did not approve. In the MOA, there was no provision for compensation of any kind given to the inspectors, who would be required to conduct these inspections on their own time. In addition, their assistance would not be limited to the Big E.

Delaney’s Variance Request for Grease Trap Requirement: A letter from Delaney’s Market, to be located at 587 East Main St., was presented to the Board. It indicates that the “ready-made meals” they plan to sell at this location are prepared off-site and will not be consumed there. In-store prep of products will be limited to making salads and finishing par-baked goods. A Motion was made and seconded to approve a waiver of the grease trap requirement for Delaney’s Market.

*The vote was as follows:*

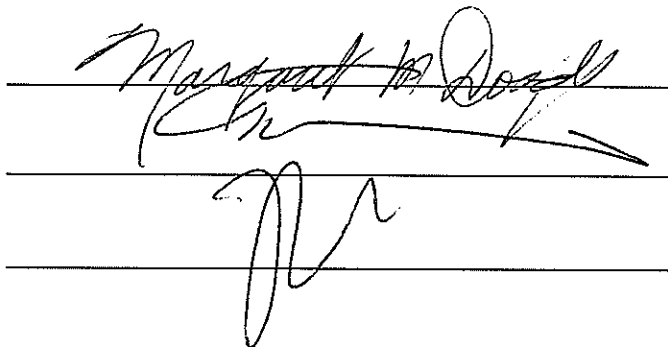
Carnes	--	Yes
Mitchell	--	Yes

All in favor, the motion was declared passed.

Howard St. Property Maintenance Violations: A letter from a Howard St. resident was presented to the Board. It states that two dwellings, 9 Howard St. and 11 Howard St., are not safe or decent for the individuals residing in them. Photos were also presented showing a family of raccoons living under the roof at 9 Howard St. The home at 11 Howard St. was condemned and cleaned last year, however, the exterior of the property remains a concern. DPW has cleared the overhang on the tree belt. It is believed that the owners of both of these properties are not physically capable of caring for their property. Services have been offered to the owner of 11 Howard St., but were rejected by her. Suggestions were made regarding receiverships or a clean and lien. Mr. Rouse agreed to speak with the police chief to determine if there is a community police officer assigned to that area or whether their department may be able to assist.

With no further items on the agenda to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



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*Next anticipated meeting date: September 11, 2019*