

Winthrop Board of Health Meeting

August 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Harvey Hearing Room

Call to order: 6:35 pm

Roll call: Bill Schmidt, Chair; Jeanne Holgersen, Vice-Chair; Marianne Dalton, Member.

Present: Rose Demarco, Leslie Remis, Linda Donohue, Justin Kopec, Bonny Carroll, Director of the Six City Tobacco Initiative, Betsy Shane, Executive Director at Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

Review of minutes: approved unanimously 3-0.

Public hearing continued-black plastic regulation: hearing opened @6:37 pm. No comment, closed at 6:37 pm.

Public hearing continued: swimming pool regulations: opened 6:38 pm.

Rose Demarco, a trustee of Seal Harbor One, is recognized. Ms Demarco questions the use of Chelsea as a model for pool regulations in Winthrop. She further states that the imposition of a mandated lifeguard at Seal Harbor One would be an undue financial burden on the residents of Seal Harbor One. Ms Demarco comments that mandated lifeguards at Yirrell Beach would be more appropriate. Bill clarifies that the Town Council has authority over beach lifeguards, the Board of Health does not have the ability to regulate this. Bill also states the rationale for adapting the regulations in Chelsea for Winthrop was because Al Legee, Commissioner of Inspectional Services had previously worked in

the management company by IS may be passed on to the renters of the building. She also asks if barrels could be used to supplement the dumpster, even temporarily, until a more permanent solution can be found. Bill states that the hauler is not likely to pick up extra barrels, as dumpsters are permitted by the Board, and barrel pickup would be under the hauler's discretion. Justin Kopec, proprietor of JustInk Tattoos, is recognized. Mr Kopec points out that there are around a dozen small businesses that use that one dumpster. He states that he is often picking up the overflow of trash next to the dumpster, because of the volume and need for more frequent pickup. Currently pickup is once a week on Mondays. He states that it is unsightly and unsanitary, and that frequent requests for a remedy to the managers of the building he is renting space from have not been heeded. Bill states that there are limits to what the Board can do, other than issue citations/suspend permits. Bill states that he will investigate what citations have been issued, and then draw up a letter to the hauler and/or the property manager. Mr Kopec states he would like to contact the hauler himself to see what could be done. Bill states that if Mr Kopec could email the Board with any updates prior to the next meeting in September, it would be very helpful.

833 Shirley St: Al's email states that the violations have been resolved.

97 Court Road: Al's email states that contractor has been hired, case will be closed shortly.

435 Shirley Street: Al's email states that IS has been in touch with the building maintenance co and that repairs will be completed soon.

Beach water testing and closures: Al's email states that testing occurs weekly until Labor Day. No closings in the past few weeks.

Virtual restaurants: no further updates

Mosquitoes and ticks: Marianne reports that spraying at Belle Isle Cemetery was done by NEMMC on the evening of August 3.

Bill reports that the period for comments about airport runway extension has been extended by Massport, until August 22.

Proposed agenda for September meeting: proposed change in meeting day next month to 9/13/22, all in agreement.

Adjournment: 7:47 pm, approved unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Dalton, Member