

Winthrop Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024
Meeting called to order at 6:43pm
Members Present: Bill Schmidt, Jeanne Holgerson, Christine Reilly

Minutes for the BOH meeting on May 28,/2024 were unanimously approved 3-0

Public Comment none

Past Business

Lewis Lake Water Quality no information, removed from agenda

CASA Presentation

Amy Epstein from CASA presented the results of a survey done by CASA called the Prevention Need Assessment Community Survey. The goal of the survey was to find ways to increase protective factors in order to reduce risk among middle and high school students in Winthrop.

Reports

Director of Public Health and Clinical Services Update – no update

Commissioner of Inspectional Services Report– no update

Covid Tree dedication was held on June 12, 2024. The tree is on the Town Hall lawn.

38 Summit Ave request for inspection - Inspectional services have not been able to contact the person who requested the inspection.

Winthrop Farmers Market - tabled as no representative attended tonight's meeting.

Sofjola Aesthetics - Sofjola Thomai, RN and Lianne Ankner, her attorney, attended the meeting. Sofjola Thomai had previously contacted Jeanne Holgerson via email asking for information about being licensed in Winthrop to provide botox injections at her place of business, Sofjola Aesthetique. Tonight, her attorney, Lianne Ankner informs the board of Health that the parent company is Aesthetique Med-Spa, PLLC and is owned by Dr. Howard Kesselman and Sofjola Thomai is an agent of the company. She states that under Mass Law (M.G.L. c.111, section 51, that a clinic license is not required for a medical spa which is wholly owned and controlled by one or more medical practitioners. She provides the BOH with copies of the Business Entity Summary ID Number 001802642 for Aesthetique Med-Spa, PLLC, of the Certificate of Organization for the company and of the Certificate of the Board of Registration in Medicine. The BOH appreciates the information provided tonight and will forward it to the town's attorney for review and comment.

Letter Grading of Food Establishments

The BOH voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the Regulations of the Winthrop Board of Health on Letter Grading of Food Establishments and Food Trucks. These regulations will take effect -1/01/2025.

Grease Trap Regulations

The BOH voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the Winthrop Board of Health Regulations Concerning Grease Trap Regulations for Food Establishments. These regulations will take effect 09/01/2024.

MDPH Environmental Survey

The MDPH is conducting an anonymous needs assessment survey for local health officials, including members of BOH and local environmental department staff. Purpose is to help MDPH develop and improve environmental health training. The survey needs to be completed by Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Logan Airport Environmental Status Report

Information on this report was published in today's Winthrop Transcript (6/20/2024)

The BOH thanked Bill Schmidt for his many years of service and the accomplishments of the BOH under his leadership. Additionally, Betsy Shane on behalf of herself and the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce thanked him for all his work over the years that benefited the town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Adjournment at 8:48pm approved unanimously 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Reilly, Member