



Environmental Health Working Group

Meeting Notes

January 21, 2024

Variance Application

- Amy sent out individualized versions to each town shortly after last months meeting
- Will show at Advisory Board meeting and will close out this topic for this group
- Contact Amy if there's any issues that come up in the future

Plan Review Application

- Amy still working on this - will have update for next meeting!
- Will create most detailed version possible and then tailor to each town based on their needs

Tobacco Compliance

- Requested information from Sherborn and haven't heard back yet
- Requested information from Medfield and they responded with # of permits, waiting to hear back on any inspectional/enforcement actions they do

Self Assessments

- Amy planning to present at February Advisory Board meeting
- **N/A Standards**
 - **Funeral permits** (#65-71, Community Sanitation)

- Needham Town Clerk only does burial permits
 - Sai working on developing BOH funeral director permit based what other towns already have available
- Dover does burial permits in conjunction with Town Clerk
 - Dover does not have any funeral homes and does not need a funeral director permit
- Sherborn & Medfield – Amy needs to ask (1) who is doing the burial permits and (2) are there any funeral homes in town?
- Amy will get more information on state reporting requirements
- o **Frozen dessert permits** (92-93, Food Protection)
 - Needham hasn't started frozen dessert permit application yet
 - Sai has the data of who has the frozen desserts (4-5 establishments)
 - Dover doesn't have any establishments with frozen dessert nor a frozen desert permit
 - Sherborn does have frozen dessert permits – when does it renew? (state standard says it must be every February)
 - Medfield – Amy needs to ask if (1) they have any establishments that sell frozen desserts and (2) if there is a permit for them
- o **Brainstorming which N/A standards to discuss next**
 - Administrative search warrants
 - Creating an SOP for how to do one and when
 - How to enforce removal of residents due to condemnation orders
 - Will be discussed a lot in Tier 3 of Housing, may not need to cover in as much detail in this group

- Recreational camps
 - Dover has 9 camps, Jason does all the inspections and paperwork, PHN will start to help with that
 - Needham has 13 camps, most are through Parks & Rec
 - Sherborn & Medfield – Amy needs to ask if they have any camps and what their current process is for permitting and inspecting
- Family campgrounds
 - Dover: Hale Reservation (shared with Westwood), has capacity for overnight stay but not sure if they are utilized on Dover side
 - Needham does not have any
 - Sherborn & Medfield – Amy needs to ask if they have any campgrounds
- Bathing beaches
 - Dover: Hale Reservation has two bathing beaches, Dover BOH staff does not conduct the sampling or testing, only receives report
 - Needham does not have any
 - Sherborn & Medfield – Amy needs to ask if they have any bathing beaches and if yes, how is the sampling & testing done?

Other Topics

- Standing meeting time: third Tuesday of every month at 2pm
 - Next meeting will be February 18
- NFG Tobacco Regulation
 - Dover is interested in pursuing since Needham just passed it
- Tobacco Updates from Needham
 - Oral Nicotine Pouches – FDA is approving Zyn as of last week, confirmed with Cheryl Sbarra

- Can still do enforcement on flavored (“chill”) Zyn
 - Establishments cannot offer any coupons/discounted prices
- Any tobacco products that are marketed as unflavored but are “clear” do seem to actually have flavor (this applies mostly to Juul or vape products)
 - Packages are expensive, Needham is asking other towns if they have already purchased/tested to see if further action should be taken
- Regulating tobacco signage/marketing: Cheryl Sbarra confirmed BOH cannot enforce this as it is a violation of the First Amendment
- Shared Services food inspection follow up: Dover Sherborn High School on well water? – based on PIC information
 - Jason does not believe they are on well water, has never heard anything about this. They are right on the Medfield line so they should be connected to sewer
 - Any establishment on well water will usually have testing submitted with annual permit, need to test for coliform
- FDA Food Standardization
 - Needham
 - 5-year cycle just ended, working on Standard 9 and Self Assessment
 - Only have Standard 8 has not been adopted yet
 - DPH Central Trainers working on getting FDA standardized, will trickle down to shared/local staff in the coming years