

Time being 7:00 p.m. **February 3, 2020** Eric Arvedon opened the meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts. Eric Arvedon, Chairman presiding, Paul Steeves, Vice Chairman, Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk, and Pauline Zajdel, Health Director. Meeting took place in the Andrew A. Gala, Jr. Meeting Room inside Foxborough Town Hall at 40 South Street.

E. Arvedon read the agenda of the February 3, 2020 Board of Health meeting aloud.

7:00 p.m. Mark Sullivan, 24 Spruce Street – Approval of Animal and Fowl Application for Initial Permit

E. Arvedon called Mark Sullivan in front of the Board of Health for approval of the Animal and Fowl application at 24 Spruce Street. Also present for discussion was MaryAnn Sullivan.

(Abutter letters with signatures were submitted to the Board)

The application presented to the Board for review was not complete. P. Zajdel stated that both a manure management plan and pest management plan is required to complete the application.

E. Dekkers made a motion to approve the Animal and Fowl application for 24 Spruce Street as submitted, contingent upon the submittal of the manure management plan and pest management plan. P. Steeves seconded the motion. E. Arvedon called for discussion. Hearing none, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

M. Sullivan stated he may attain a donkey in the future. P. Zajdel informed him he would need to notify the Foxborough Health Department if that occurs and at that time would adjust and add onto the permit accordingly.

Hearing no further discussion relative to 24 Spruce Street, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m. David Lisowski, 11 Fales Place – Approval of Animal and Fowl Application for Initial Permit

The animal and fowl application for 11 Fales Place, applicant name on record David Lisowski, was reviewed by the Board which detailed the keeping of twelve chickens and six turkeys. D. Lisowski confirmed there were no roosters on the property.

(Abutter green cards were submitted to the Board)

E. Dekkers made a motion to approve the Animal and Fowl application for 11 Fales Place, as submitted. P. Steeves seconded the motion. E. Arvedon called for

discussion. Hearing none, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

Hearing no further discussion relative to 11 Fales Place, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 7:23 p.m.

7:23 p.m. P. Steeves made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 as written. E. Dekkers seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

7:24 p.m. E. Dekkers made a motion to approve the following bills:

P.Z. (February Communications, Travel)	\$58.17
D.P. (February Communications)	\$50.00
J.R. (February Communications, Town Jacket Repair)	\$60.00
Mass. Env. Health Assoc. (Title V Seminar – PZ, JR)	\$170.00
The Arc South Norfolk (January Services)	\$812.83
J.R. (In part purchase amount – work phone)	\$229.96
T-Mobile Store (In part purchase amount – work phone-JR)	\$990.00

P. Steeves seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed, 3 – 0.

7:29 p.m. **Health Directors Updates**

- The final State tobacco regulation, 105 CMR 665, is due out February 12, 2020. A tobacco control conference is also scheduled for March 23-25, 2020.
- Brigham Health is holding three separate “Community Health Conversations” as they plan on making an investment in community health in Foxborough. These “conversations” are open to all community members and will serve as a platform for the citizens to provide insights and ideas on the topic. An informational flyer has been distributed throughout Town buildings and on the Town’s website.
- The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Foxborough Highway Garage. The Foxboro Animal Hospital has agreed to assist in the Clinic again this year and administer the vaccine. Assistance by one of the Board members was requested.
- Johnny Zhu, owner of a forthcoming new restaurant, Sushi Madness, Central Street, has requested a meeting with the Board of Health prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 2, 2020. J. Zhu is requesting a variance approval to use acidification as a method of food preservation. The Board agreed that a Board of Health meeting would be held on February 19, 2020 for this approval.

7:45 p.m. Robert Lucente, Union Straw, 8 Mechanic Street – Review of the procedure on “smoking” of products and the associated equipment and ventilation

Those in attendance for this agenda item:
Rob Lucente, Partner, Union Straw
Jimmy Brown, Co-Owner, Union Straw
Travis Kessork, Co-Owner, Union Straw
Dan Lane, Executive Chef, Union Straw

A description of the process surrounding their intent on “smoking” was detailed by those representing Union Straw. The smoking would be for flavor and conducted using an electric smoker located inside the kitchen. Wood chips would be “soaked” and the types of wood to most likely include cherry, cedar or apple variety which tend to give less intrusive odors and better air quality as opposed to pine wood. The use of the different types of wood also minimizes the smoke produced and further went on to explain that during the slow cooking process, smoke is generally produced only during the first 45 minutes. A HVAC system will facilitate all of the exhaust needs that will accompany the smoker.

Chef Lane has also had experience using smokers in the past and the smoking would occur during the day, for use during the evening when the restaurant is open.

P. Steeves acknowledged the addition of a smoker to be a positive asset for the business, but stated however, if it causes or becomes a nuisance source, the Board of Health will require the removal of the equipment.

Hearing no further discussion relative to Union Straw and their prospective use of a smoker within their establishment, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 8:03 p.m.

8:04 p.m. E. Dekkers made a motion to adjourn. P. Steeves seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk/dp