

Time being 7:00 p.m. **February 19, 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, Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk, Pauline Zajdel, Health Director and Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator were present. Meeting took place in the Second Floor Conference Room inside Foxborough Town Hall at 40 South Street.

Members absent: Paul Steeves, Vice Chairman

E. Arvedon read the agenda of the February 19, 2020 Board of Health meeting aloud.

7:00 p.m. Johnny Zhu – New establishment/Variance request for the use of acidification as a method for food preservation

Johnny (Jiaxing) Zhu, Owner of the prospective new restaurant, Sushi Madness to be located at 70 Central Street, was present along with his currently contracted food consultant, Wai Kwan.

Discussion between Chairman E. Arvedon and J. Zhu focused on the importance of a HACCP plan for the sushi rice portion of his operation and the need for the Board to feel confident that J. Zhu, as the Owner, can follow the plan and operate safely. J. Zhu verbally explained the process of acidification to the Board.

E. Arvedon acknowledged J. Zhu explanation, but then referenced the HACCP plan he had in hand that was submitted to the Health Inspector earlier that day. He expressed his concern with the overall content of the plan, specifically noting confusion among the various procedures and the several areas of inconsistency. E. Arvedon also made it clear the necessity of having two methods of pH testing, allowing one method to be available as a backup.

P. Zajdel informed the Board the plan currently in hand was the sixth revision of the plan reviewed by the Health Inspector and it's still not without errors. She continued and emphasized the need for additional staff sign offs with respect to their training on the approved HACCP plan. J. Zhu confirmed the hiring of additional staff will occur and they will be trained on the approved plan.

The Board affirmed that the submittal of a revised HACCP plan, one that accurately validates the safe preparation and holding of sushi rice, may be approved internally by the Health Director following the review and technical approval from the Health Inspector. Once the HACCP plan is approved, final inspections will need to be conducted before a food permit can be issued to Sushi Madness and be allowed to open.

P. Zajdel concluded the discussion by following up with a standard operating procedure J. Zhu submitted earlier that day regarding the on-site freezing of sushi fish for parasite destruction. P. Zajdel mentioned no other restaurant in Town performs this and with the extensive record keeping that is involved, does not

recommend this operation be done at the retail level. J. Zhu acknowledged these comments and stated he would not freeze on-site and instead purchase fish already certified as parasite free and maintain the supplier's letters of guarantee.

Hearing no further discussion relative to Sushi Madness, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 7:47 p.m.

7:47 p.m. Time extension for septic system repair/upgrade – 1 Turner Road

A letter addressed to the Board of Health Chairman, Eric Arvedon was received by the Foxborough Health Department on February 4, 2020. The letter was from Anne F. Pitman, Owner of 1 Turner Road, in response to an 'order to upgrade' letter she received regarding the property's failed Title V inspection dated June 8, 2016. In Ms. Pitman's response, she informed the Board the property was not being sold, shows no evidence of back up and agrees to pump the system on a yearly basis.

The Board recognized that annual pumping would provide an opportunity for professional assessment of the system and in response to Ms. Pitman's letter, approved a two-year extension related to the timeframe of when she would be required to begin upgrades to her system, contingent upon annual pumping. The Board will re-evaluate following the two-year period.

Hearing no further discussion relative to 1 Turner Road, E. Arvedon called the matter closed at 8:01 p.m.

8:01 p.m. E. Dekkers made a motion to adjourn. E. Arvedon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk/dp