

Time being 7:00 p.m. **February 22, 2021** Paul Steeves opened the meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts. Paul Steeves, Chairman presiding, Betsy Allo, MPH, Vice-Chairman, and Eric Arvedon, Clerk were present.

Others present:

Matthew Brennan, Director of Public Health

Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator/Recorder

John Robertson, Assistant Health Agent/Health Inspector

*This Board of Health meeting took place via Zoom and was posted and conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth in Governor Charlie Baker's March 12, 2020 Order, suspending certain provision of the open meeting law, during the Massachusetts State of Emergency declared on March 10, 2020). All participants participated remotely.*

**7:00 p.m. Mai Pearl, Harvest Group, Inc. – 121 Main Street  
Discussion of inspection conducted at Mai Pearl, 121 Main Street under the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000 and possible further actions.**

Representing Mai Pearl, Harvest Group, Inc. was General Manager, James Mar.

Inspector J. Robertson provided information related to the violations noted during the establishment's routine inspection conducted on January 21, 2021. Concern was noted when violations related to the person in charge not performing their duties was observed, and observed for a second time during the first scheduled re-inspection on January 22. J. Robertson continued and provided the Board with results from the second re-inspection which resulted in no Priority item violations noted and included follow up and resolution on the plumbing issue noted during the first inspection.

P. Steeves commented that when an establishment comes in front of the Board due to non-compliance, it is common for the Board to recommend the hiring of a consultant.

M. Brennan spoke on the importance of education and suggested that more employees be trained and to take a food safety certification class.

J. Mar informed the Board that due to COVID, the restaurant was closed for eight months. Upon reopening, the majority of the kitchen staff is new. Currently, Eric Lam is the only person in charge, working full time, 5 days a week and is present at all times when the restaurant is open.

E. Arvedon and B. Allo both commented they are proponents in the hiring of a consultant. E. Arvedon asked J. Robertson the anticipated timing for the next inspection at Mai Pearl. J. Robertson responded, 2 months.

J. Mar acknowledged he wanted to regain the confidence of the Board of Health. He stated the establishment would send more people to become certified in food safety. In addition, he would also speak with the Owner to see if they would agree to hire a consultant that would work with the establishment and develop a routine checklist related to food safety, specific to the establishment's daily operation.

P. Steeves acknowledged J. Mar's anticipated course of action and urged him to communicate with J. Robertson and M. Brennan regularly.

Hearing no further discussion related to Mai Pearl, Harvest Group, Inc., P. Steeves closed the matter at 7:24 p.m.

**7:24 p.m.** E. Arvedon made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2020, as written. B. Allo seconded the motion. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing none, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

**7:27 p.m.** E. Arvedon made a motion to approve the following bills:

Lifeworks, Inc. (January Services)	\$812.83
D.P. (Communications Stipend – January)	\$50.00
J.R. (Communications Stipend – January)	\$50.00
D.P. (Communications Stipend – February)	\$50.00
J.R. (Communications Stipend – February)	\$50.00
Grainger (Sharps Containers)	\$34.01
Lifeworks, Inc. (February Services)	\$812.83
Fred's Auto Repair (Town Vehicle Car Inspection)	\$35.00
Verizon Wireless (Dec. Data Usage Charge for Insp. Tablets)	\$79.98
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Taylor Technologies (Pool Inspection Chemicals)	\$26.99
J.R. (Tuition and Class Materials)	\$2,785.00
J.R. (Safety Shoes to Conduct Food Inspections)	\$56.95

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

**7:28 p.m. Department Updates**

- The Owner of 38 Main Street provided M. Brennan with an email and photos showing the extensive work that has occurred on the roof and ceiling. This demonstrates the Owner is in the process of bringing the dwelling up to Code.
- A joint inspection, including the Health Department, Inspections Department and Fire Department, was conducted at the commercial building located at 33

Commercial Street on Friday, February 19, 2021. Following the inspection, which revealed violations to multiple State Sanitary Codes, a letter was sent to the Owner detailing the inspection findings.

- The Town of Foxborough is currently in the “yellow” according to the State’s *Average Daily Incidence Rate of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases* for the Town. Other general updates related to the next phase and group in the State’s vaccine program, were also discussed.
- The Rabies Clinic, typically held on the first Saturday in April, will be postponed. A possible Summer date for the Clinic will be dependent on the current state of the COVID pandemic at that time.
- Newly hired Director of Public Health, Matt Brennan will begin signing all permits issued through the Foxborough Health Department Office.
- An inquiry came into the Health Department related to opening and operating a microblading establishment. This semi-permanent tattooing would need to operate and comply with the current Board of Health Body Art Establishment and Practitioner regulations.
- E. Arvedon extended his thanks to M. Brennan for his attendance and presentation of the FY22 Board of Health budget, during the recent Advisory Committee meeting.

**7:54 p.m.** B. Allo made a motion to adjourn. E. Arvedon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

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Eric Arvedon, Clerk/dp