

MEETING NOTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 27, 2023 4:30 pm

Lower Level Conference Room, Peabody City Hall

Remote participation also available via Zoom

In Attendance: Chairperson Thomas J. Durkin III; Members Anthony Carli and Julia Fleet, D.O. (remotely); Health Department Director Sharon Cameron; Recording Secretary Lisa Greene.

At 4:33 Mr. Durkin opened the General Meeting.

HEARINGS

Subject: (4:30 pm) Hearings re: Permit to Perform Body Tattooing and Permit to Perform Body Piercing granted to Jesus Baltazar Zuniga Escobar and Permit to Operate a Body Piercing Establishment and Permit to Operate a Tattoo Establishment at Suicida Ink Tattoo, 145 Summit St. Peabody. Votes anticipated as to whether to uphold, modify, suspend, or revoke permits.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing and then explained that the Board had entered into a contract with a professional Spanish interpreter to assist the applicant today but the interpreter had not arrived yet. He suggested taking a recess until that person was present, which was agreed to by all. After having moved on to other business, Mr. Durkin returned to this hearing at 5:00 pm and explained that the professional translator still had not arrived and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Ms. Cameron suggested that, if Mr. Escobar would like, they could proceed with the assistance of Health Department administrative assistant Kimberly Reis who is fluent in Spanish and has volunteered to do translation in the past. All agreed that would be a good idea since the applicant had been waiting for half an hour already, and Mr. Escobar expressed that he wished to proceed. Ms. Reis was called in from the Health Department office and explained to the applicant in Spanish that she would be able to translate for him. Mr. Escobar stated that was acceptable. Mr. Durkin reopened the hearing at 5:00 pm and asked Ms. Cameron to remind the board of the circumstances surrounding this hearing.

Ms. Cameron explained that Mr. Zuniga Escobar had been before the Board in February for his initial permitting and at that time the Board had learned that the City of Everett had informed her of some complaints about this applicant from when he had practiced in that community, allegations that he was practicing tattooing out of his home. Ms. Reis translated. Mr. Escobar, through Ms. Reis, said that his old shop had a personal vendetta against him and didn't want him to get any other work, because he took his clients from their business and the owner was upset, so the owner contacted the City of Everett to say that Mr. Zuniga Escobar was working out of his house. Mr. Zuniga Escobar went on to say that he had done tattooing on one person at his house in Everett but said he had already submitted his application to get a permit in Peabody before that. He said the City of Everett asked if he wanted to continue working in Everett, but he had said he did not want to, so he is no longer working there so everything is done in Everett.

Ms. Cameron said that at the last hearing we asked him if he had been the subject of any disciplinary actions at his former places of work and he had replied that he had not, but when we learned more details about the events, he said what he said tonight. She explained that Everett Health Dept had forwarded the minutes from their two hearings on this matter, and from the Minutes she learned that the Everett inspectors had observed him doing tattooing in his home and the Everett Board of Health had subsequently revoked his license. Mr. Escobar confirmed that is what had happened.

Mr. Durkin said that we have been welcoming and encouraging of tattoo establishments in Peabody. He said that the Board makes its decisions based on a lot of things, including what they hear at the hearings. Mr. Durkin reminded that at the initial hearing, he had asked if Mr. Zuniga Escobar was doing tattooing at home, and reminded him that he had replied no. Mr. Escobar replied after that one instance he never did another tattoo from his home. Mr. Durkin said it is important that we hear the truth. Mr. Zuniga Escobar replied that he understands. Mr. Durkin went on to say that the lack of truthfulness is very disturbing to him, because we need to make determinations and if we don't have the truth, we can't deliberate appropriately. Mr. Carli said he feels this is a tough situation - if we vote to revoke or suspend the permit, because Escobar has done tattooing from the home previously, we will be concerned that he could do it again and will it create a greater health risk. He said he doesn't know the answer, but knows it is important that we have trust.

Dr. Fleet agreed, adding that to her that's a huge concern. She said that she has two concerns: tattooing in the home is unregulated and it is illegal, and it poses a health risk, so permitting someone who doesn't have regard for the health and safety of his clients is a concern. She added that she doesn't necessarily believe that tattooing from his home was a one-time thing and said that she thinks it was just witnessed once, and we can only take the word of the applicant. She said if we move forward, for her peace of mind she feels that she would need a little more monitoring of this applicant to ensure that we are protecting the safety of the residents of Peabody.

Mr. Durkin said the way he thinks they should proceed is to make it perfectly clear to the applicant how seriously the Board takes this, and to say that we will take action to suspend or revoke your permit if you do not adhere to the regulations. The other Board members agreed. He added that this is a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this matter. No one replied. He asked if any board members wished to discuss the matter further? Mr. Carli asked if the establishment was in good order. Mr. Yale replied yes and said that it had passed inspection. Mr. Carli asked how frequently he inspects establishments. Mr. Yale said twice per year but has no issue with doing it more frequently in this case. Mr. Durkin said that in that case he thinks they can proceed with no action, and everyone agreed. Mr. Escobar asked if he could change the name of the shop and was told he could speak with John about that after the hearing.

Subject: 5:00 pm – Hearing re: proposed amendments to “Regulation of the Peabody Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products.” Vote anticipated to adopt, modify, or reject proposed amendments.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing at 5:17 pm and asked Ms. Cameron for a summary. Ms. Cameron reminded the Board that they have proposed to amend their local tobacco sales regulations to reflect changes in the marketplace and to make them more consistent with the language in the state law. She explained that the major substantive change is that we would change the violation penalties to be consistent with state law, and the other is to reduce the cap on the number of establishments and to retire permits when existing permit holders close businesses.

Joyce Redford from North Shore Tobacco Policy Program was in attendance and said she that supports these proposed changes. She added that she has one additional recommendation to change wording to say that vending machines are prohibited. She said that the two establishments that had them in the past no longer have them, so it is easier to say we don't allow them. She also said that flavor enhancers are whatever you can use tobacco with that can add flavors, including things like flavored paper wraps and hemp wraps, and there was an uptick in these products when flavored tobacco was banned. She explained that one company, Natti wraps, has threatened a lawsuit over the ban, so the Board should consider this. Ms. Redford said there is an enhancer that is a tip that is put on a cigarette, and she sees this as a flavor enhancer, not a roll. She said there has been no court challenges in Ipswich which adopted this language 9 months ago. Ms. Cameron asked if the language we are proposing is appropriate, to which Ms. Redford replied yes but said that we should highlight this as a substantive change. Ms. Cameron clarified that in section H, the first piece talks about any flavored products, and is also defined in section c. Mr. Durkin asked Ms. Redford, when we refer to tobacco product flavor enhancer, you would say it includes Natti wraps. She replied yes, if you put tobacco in them you get the flavors, and in addition you can also buy tips. Mr. Durkin said manufacturers may argue it is not a tobacco product flavor enhancer and asked for any language she could assist them with. Ms. Redford replied that she would ask her advisors, but said she thinks she is comfortable with the existing language in the proposed regulation. Mr. Suckney said it is going to streamline the process for us to have these changes to the fines and the definitions. Mr. Durkin asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on this matter, to please use the raise hand feature if they were participating online. No responses were received. Ms. Cameron reported that she had mailed out this meeting notice to all tobacco permit holders in Peabody and posted it in the newspaper because she wanted to ensure that retailers were aware of these changes and to have the opportunity to comment. Discussion ensued about some language clarifications, and Mr. Durkin asked if the Board wanted to change Section N. Dr. Fleet said she recommends keeping just the first sentence.

Mr. Carli made a motion to accept and adopt the new regulations with the one change to section N, to be enacted as of July 1 2023. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to adopt the new regulation language with the one change as noted above.

Ms. Redford said that her program can pay for a mailing to give information to vendors to specify wraps, and added that a lot of communities are moving forward on these changes as well.

Subject: 5:20 pm- Hearings re: Applications for Permit to Operate a Tattooing Establishment at Everlasting Look, 15 Chestnut St; Permits to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by: Tuyen Tran; Dante DeAmelio (Apprentice only); Anthony Roemun; Juan Colon; Zachary LoRusso (Apprentice only); Yisenia Torres (Apprentice micropigmentation only); Kala Malionek. Votes anticipated to grant or deny permits.

Discussion: At 5:37 Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice. He said that the first hearing was for an application to perform body tattooing and to operate a body tattooing establishments at Timeless Ink 150 Main Street. Mr. Tuyen Tran was present and said he has a shop right now in a different community but wants to open another establishment in Peabody. Mr. Durkin asked what the proposed hours would be. Mr. Tran replied that they would remain open no later than 9:00 pm. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone present or via zoom wished to speak on this matter. No responses were received. He asked those present if they had any comments or questions. Ms. Cameron said the blood borne pathogen certificate expired, and Mr. Tran said that he had just submitted a new one, so Ms. Cameron thanked him and said she would check with her staff. She then asked Mr. Tran to describe his processes used to prevent cross contamination. Mr. Tran explained that he uses all disposable products, wears gloves, only touches items in the tattoo area, removes gloves when leaving and washes hands and re-gloves when returning. Ms. Cameron asked about preventing cross contamination of inks. Mr. Tran replied that he uses clean caps to pour ink into and does his set up in advance away from the station. He disposes of unused inks in caps.

Ms. Cameron asked about any plans to invite guest artists into the establishment. Mr. Tran replied that if he did it would be very rare, since there are too many complications to doing it, but if he did he would have them get a guest license. Ms. Cameron replied that we do not have guest licenses so they would have to apply for a regular license. Mr. Tran replied that he understands. Ms. Cameron asked if he has a written needle stick protocol. Mr. Tran replied that he does. Ms. Cameron asked if he has ever had a client return with an issue or if he had been disciplined in any other places where he has been licensed. Mr. Tran replied no, but then said he has had clients return for minor infections. He said that once the skin is opened up a person could be infected from anything, even a dog hair, which is why we don't allow dogs in the establishment. He added that even just playing basketball after a tattoo can soften the scab and lint can get in it, but said this is why we have aftercare. Ms. Cameron asked how will apprentices be supervised. Mr. Tran replied that he will be here in Peabody but when he is at the other location he has other artists trained under him so they will oversee the apprentices too, as a team, and added that they have a hierarchy, and have meetings twice a month so their teamwork is top notch. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any further questions, either on zoom or in the audience. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve both applications, to operate a body tattooing establishment and to perform body tattooing, by Mr. Tran. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permits.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Dante DeAmelio (Apprentice only)

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing and invited Mr. DeAmelio to give a statement on why he is applying for this permit. Mr. DeAmelio replied that he has always wanted to do it and the opportunity came so he took it. Mr. Durkin asked if Mr. DeAmelio's paperwork is all in order and Ms. Cameron replied that it is. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone in audience or the board. Ms. Cameron asked Mr. DeAmelio to tell the board what his understanding is of the types of tasks he will be performing as an apprentice. Mr. DeAmelio replied that he worked as secretary at a body art shop in Everett, and will do that again here, as well as disinfecting, dealing with sharps containers, etc. Ms. Cameron asked if he had reviewed the regulations on what he is allowed and not allowed to do. Mr. DeAmelio replied that he has. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone has any further comments. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the permit for Mr. DeAmelio to perform body tattooing as an apprentice only. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Anthony Roemun.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice, opened the hearing and invited Mr. Roeun to give a statement on why he is applying for this permit. Mr. Roeun said that he has been tattooing for eight years and is excited to continue his journey here in Peabody. Mr. Durkin asked if he had done all eight years with Timeless. Mr. Roeun replied that he had. Dr Fleet asked if he will be splitting his time between the two cities. Mr. Roeun replied no and said that he will be working full time in Peabody. Ms. Cameron asked Mr. Roeun to describe when he changes gloves. Mr. Roeun replied that he changes if he touches something contaminated, and will put on other gloves. He said that everything is one time use, and he makes sure not to cross contaminate. Ms. Cameron asked if anyone has ever returned to him with any issues. Mr. Roeun replied yes, a couple of time people have but just for some minor things, and said he tells them how to take care of it. He explained that it is usually first time tattooers, like for instance they will go to the gym and things look different and then they become worried. Ms. Cameron asked if he has ever had any disciplinary actions taken against him in any of the places he has worked. Mr. Roeun replied no. He added that he stresses to clients that they have to baby their tattoos since the body tries to push out the tattoo. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone in the audience or on zoom wishes to speak, adding that those online can use the raise hand feature. No responses were received. Mr. Tran said the artists who go with him are going to transition to Peabody, and that he is just keeping Everett to honor his existing clients there.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the permit to perform body tattooing for Anthony Roeun. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Juan R. Colon 3rd.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice, opened the hearing and invited Mr. Colon to give a statement on why he is applying for this permit. Mr. Colon said that he has been tattooing for five years and wants to expand and work in different locations, to build a clientele, and is super excited to be moving into a new shop and meeting a new group of clients. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone on zoom or in the audience wishes to speak. No responses were received. Ms. Cameron asked Mr. Colon to tell how he prevents cross contamination. Mr. Colon replied that he is super careful, meticulous, takes off gloves when leaving the work area, and said he doesn't leave the area with gloves on, and puts on new gloves when reentering the area. Ms. Cameron asked if Mr. Colon had any disciplinary action taken against him in any jurisdiction. Mr. Colon replied no. Ms. Cameron asked if he will have a role in overseeing an apprentice. Mr. Colon replied that he hopes so. Ms. Cameron asked if his oversight would involve just artistic oversight or if he will give guidance on things like infection control. Mr. Colon replied that he will do both as you can't do one without the other. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any further question from Board. No responses were received. He asked if there were any other questions or comments from those present or via zoom. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin closed the hearing.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the permit. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing- apprentice only-submitted by Zachary LoRusso.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing and invited Mr. LoRusso to give a statement on why he is applying for this permit. Mr. LoRusso said he is looking to apprentice under Shawn McLorin. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. LoRusso. Ms. Cameron asked Mr. LoRusso to describe how he prevents cross contamination. Mr. LoRusso replied that everything he uses is disposable, pours ink into disposable ink caps which are all thrown out after. Ms. Cameron asked him to describe his glove use. Mr. LoRusso replied that anytime anything not sanitized touches the gloves he must change gloves. Ms. Cameron noted that Mr. LoRusso is applying to be an apprentice and asked what he expects to be doing as an apprentice. Mr. LoRusso replied that he would do upkeep, make appointments, clean up. Ms. Cameron asked if he would be doing all work under a licensed artist. Mr. LoRusso replied yes. Ms. Cameron asked if he had read Peabody's regulations. Mr. LoRusso replied yes. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone wished to speak on this matter. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin asked if any Board members had any further questions. None were put forth. Mr. Durkin said he has been on the Board for a while now, and said we have close to 50 artists and up to 16 establishments, and he said he is concerned about the health aspects, and said he wants Mr. LoRusso to strengthen his understanding, to reread the regulations again, and to learn as much about the health aspects of the work, as this is very serious. Mr. LoRusso agreed. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone had any questions. Since there were none he closed the hearing.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve Mr. LoRusso's permit. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit as an apprentice only.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing by Yisenia Torres (Apprentice micropigmentation only)

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing and asked if Ms. Torres was present. Ms. Torres was present via Zoom and Mr. Durkin thanked her for attending. Mr. Durkin asked Ms. Torres to tell why she is applying. She said she is looking to get permitted to do eyebrow microblading. She said that she took the course through Prettyology and wants to do an apprenticeship there. Mr. Durkin asked if she will be limited to microblading. Ms. Torres replied yes, right now that is her main focus, but she might expand later. Mr. Durkin asked if any Board members had any questions. Ms. Cameron asked what types of activities Ms. Torres would be performing as an apprentice. Ms. Torres replied that she will be setting up trays, getting things sanitized, making sure we are not mixing things or causing contamination, helping the artists with anything they need and learning everything about microblading. Ms. Cameron asked if Ms. Torres had read the regulations. Ms. Torres replied yes. Ms. Cameron asked Ms. Torres to explain when she would need to change gloves? Ms. Torres replied that when we are with a client we wear gloves, any time we touch any area of a seat or trays we replace gloves as we must ensure not to cross contaminate. Mr. Durkin asked if there were any further questions from the Board? None were put forth. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone present or via zoom had any questions, and said they can use the raise hand feature if online. No responses were received so Mr. Durkin closed the public hearing.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the permit. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit to serve as an apprentice for microblading only.

Subject: Application for Permit to Perform Body Tattooing submitted by Kala Malioneck and application for permit to operate Body Tattooing Establishment at Everlasting Look.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin read the hearing notice and opened the hearing and asked Ms. Malioneck where her business would be. She replied that it will be at 15 Chestnut Street, across the street at Scott Kline's chiropractic office location. Mr. Durkin asked if the location had been inspected yet. Ms. Malioneck said that Mr. Yale had informally come in and said he didn't see any concerns, but he will still need to come back for final inspection. Ms. Cameron said if the Board decides to grant the permit it will have to be conditional upon the results of the inspection. Mr. Durkin asked if Ms. Malioneck does body tattooing. She replied that she does not, and just focuses on eyebrows, lips, scar covering, but said she hopes to expand to reparative tattooing in the future but would need to do more training for that and would not do it until she has completed that training. Ms. Cameron asked Ms. Malioneck to describe how she would prevent cross contamination. Ms. Malioneck replied that she had worked as a hygienist for 12 years, so she knows how to follow all universal precautions, everything she uses is disposable except the machine, for that she uses cleaner, regular handwashing, doesn't touch clients without gloves. Ms. Cameron asked if Ms. Malioneck had a written needle stick protocol? She replied that she is in the process of creating everything to protect herself, so she doesn't have it written yet but can provide it when she does. She added that it is only her in the business but she can still provide it. Ms. Cameron asked if Ms. Malioneck had been subject to any disciplinary actions in any other locations. Ms. Malioneck replied no. Ms. Cameron asked if she had ever had a client return with an issue? Ms. Malioneck told that she had one situation in the past where someone returned. She described the incident, and said it occurred at her former location. She said that at that place of business, people would call the owner or the front desk with any questions. She said she had a woman come in for lower eyeliner, and when she left everything looked clear, but the woman reached out on Instagram 5-6 days later saying that she had scratched her eye, had some swelling, and couldn't see. Ms. Malioneck said that if she had known she would have had her come back in, talked to her, advised her, but was advised that the boss would handle the matter, and when that happens you don't know how things went. Ms. Malioneck said that she has proof the woman is healed up, and said she has a voicemail from her and a message on Instagram saying she is fine. She said that things happen which is why we have disclosures but she said she wants to be able to follow through and that is part of the reason she is going out on her own. Ms. Cameron asked if she plans to have any guest artists, and Ms. Malioneck replied that she has not planned to do that. Ms. Cameron explained that if she ever decides to do that, the guest artist would also have to be permitted, as we don't recognize permits from another jurisdiction. Ms. Malioneck replied that that was fine. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone wished to speak on the matter. No responses were received. Mr. Durkin asked the Board for any questions. Dr. Fleet asked if we making a distinction between body tattooing and micropigmentation. Ms. Malioneck said she wasn't sure how to respond on the application, because she does hope to do tattoo removal as well. Ms. Cameron replied that tattoo

removal requires a different type of training, so it is appropriate to put a restriction on license to allow micropigmentation only. If Malionek gets the tattooing training she can come back and we can expand the license.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the application to perform body tattooing limited to micropigmentation. Ms. Malionek said tattoo removal is not covered by board of health. She explained that saline lightening is the same procedure as tattooing but uses just saline to remove ink bubbles up to the top. It uses the same equipment as a tattoo, just no ink. She said she has been trained and has a certificate. Dr. Fleet asked what is the certificate. Ms. Malionek replied that Saline Lightening uses either saline or an acid to create trauma to the skin to pull out the pigment and to create a scab to also help pull out that color. Dr. Fleet asked in what skin level is that happening. Ms. Malionek replied it is where the tattoo is, in the upper level, but some are deeper, and said that the laser can be used to remove that deeper ink, and said that she wouldn't do that. Dr. Fleet said that micropigmentation is at the junction of the dermis and the epidermis, but asked if this is different. Ms. Malionek replied yes, this is done where the tattoo is, and explained that it is used not on micropigmentation, but on tattoos. Dr. Fleet asked what training she had taken. She replied that she had taken a course online, and has worked with her mentor when she was an apprentice, and added that this is not something you can go to Prettyology for, it's one of many services, often done immediately after tattooing, which is the best time to do it. She said she wonders if her micropigmentation permit would limit her to performing removal procedures from the neck up, because tiny tattoos can be removed, and said it is a service she does offer. Mr. Durkin asked if tattoo removal is regulated by us. Ms. Cameron replied no, laser tattoo removal is regulated by the state. However, she doesn't believe the state regulates saline lightening, and since this procedure is done with a tattoo machine, and our regulations probably predate the technique, we should consider whether this is something we should regulate. Dr. Fleet said the blood supply to the face is more complicated and dangerous; if Malionek has had training on the face and anatomy and physiology then she trusts in that.

Mr. Carli said his motion stands. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A vote taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit for micropigmentation only and a permit to operate a micropigmentation establishment.

Subject: 5:50 pm – Hearing re: Application for Permit to keep up to 10 hens at 20 Broad St. submitted by Robert Ricci. Vote anticipated to grant or deny permit.

Discussion: Mr. Durkin opened the hearing and read the hearing notice and asked Mr. Ricci to tell why he is applying. Mr. Ricci replied that he wants to raise some chickens for his grandchildren. Mr. Durkin asked if the rodent inspection is all set. Ms. Cameron replied yes. Mr. Durkin said this location is over near the dump and said he wanted to make sure that the applicant is aware of the potential for attracting rodents. Mr. Ricci replied that he does. Mr. Durkin said we don't allow roosters and Mr. Ricci said yes he understands. Mr. Ricci said that he doesn't want to upset the neighbors. Ms. Cameron reported that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Durkin asked if anyone wished to speak on this matter. No responses were received. Mr Durkin closed the meeting.

Mr. Carli made a motion to approve the permit for ten hens at 20 Broad Street. Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to grant the permit.

BUSINESS

Subject: Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2023- Vote anticipated to approve or amend minutes.

Discussion: Mr. Carli made a motion to approve, Dr. Fleet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

Subject: COVID-19 response actions

Discussion: Ms. Cameron reported that the public health emergency will be ending in two weeks and said they will be pausing their individual contact tracing but will still follow up on clusters and congregate settings. She said that the team will not be disbanded, as it is funded through 2024, and the state has expanded the scope of the contract so they are looking at other projects for that team, perhaps some mental health projects. State changed the way they report out boosters, now just report those who received a bivalent dose.

Subject: Environmental updates- a) Aggregate Industries Annual Report 2022

Discussion: Mr. Durkin said Ms. Cameron had written a letter to City Council with comments on Aggregate's annual report. Ms. Cameron explained that even though the average noise levels do not exceed the DEP guidelines, there are

some hours when they do exceed noise levels so she has recommended (as she did last year) that Aggregate explore additional noise mitigation procedures so the 10 dB guideline is not exceeded at any time.

Subject: b) Environmental updates- PMA Minor Modification to Site Assignment

Discussion: Following up on the minor modification request that the Board recently approved, she advertised the modification so it is all set.

Subject: Rousselot update

Discussion: Ms. Cameron reported that she had received no complaints this month, and reported that the Mayor's office is meeting with an internal team about the closing.

Subject: Rodent control update

Discussion: Reviewed. Ms. Cameron said that we are still getting lots of rodent complaints. She added that we are out in front of many communities with our rodent control techniques, but still having issues. They must continue working on getting the word out that a lot of this is about management of trash.

Subject: 3rd party inspection report – Wood Recycling Transfer Station

Discussion: Reviewed

Subject: 3rd party inspection report – Peabody Ash Monofill

Discussion: Reviewed

Subject: Code enforcement updates- Housing: 2 Cyrus Cir; 49R & 51 Lowell St; 90 Central St; 5 McIntire Ct

Discussion: Reviewed

Subject: Nuisances: 33 Tracey St; 31 Pierpont St; 12 Hog Hill Rd; 10 County St; 63 Central St; 12 Union St; 234 Washington St; 10 Holten St; 12 Holten St; 4 Pinecrest Ave; 98 Tremont St; 65 Tracey St; 9 Sutton St; 29 Crowninshield St; 15 Crowninshield St; 16B Sewall St; 4 Lowell St. Ct

Discussion: Mr. Durkin noted that there are more than usual this month. Mr. Carli said that we knew that might happen with the new mattress disposal ban put in place.

Subject: Permitting updates-List of permits issued in March 2023

Discussion: Reviewed

Subject: Public Health Nursing updates- March 2023 surveillance report

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject: School Health updates

Discussion: Reviewed

Subject: FY24 Budget request

Discussion: Reviewed.

Subject: Correspondence: From Keith Morris re: 2023 Yearly Operational Plan, Pan Am Railways

Discussion: Reviewed.

Other Items: Ms. Cameron told that Healthy Streets, a program that Mary Wheeler operates out of Lynn, did a door knock program with us, and is doing needle exchanges in other communities and wants to discuss the possibility of starting a needle exchange in Peabody in 2024. She said that Ms. Wheeler would come give presentations to stakeholders, BOH, Police, others. Such a program requires a vote of approval of BOH. If the local BOH approves it, they would send a letter to the MDPH, who would put out an RFP to have those services delivered under contract to the state. Wheeler anticipates that her organization would bid on it and are well-positioned to be awarded the contract. In Lynn their needle exchange has a fixed location. In Salem it is a mobile program with a van, not a marked van, which looks like a UPS van, and doesn't have signage advertising it. They provide needle exchange, sharps containers, condoms, harm reduction

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information. Cameron asked if those sites create nuisance issues, such as people congregating, leaving needles at the site when it is closed, is there an increase in needles on the streets where they operate. She said she reached out to Lynn and Salem health departments. At first in Lynn at first there were some issues, because they were doing a 5 to one needle exchange, but once they changed to a one to one exchange the issue was alleviated, so if Peabody is going to adopt the program, she recommends doing one to one. Wheeler can come in and do a presentation if you'd like. Mr. Carli asked how the administration feels about this. Ms. Cameron said that she has reached out to Mayor and police chief, hasn't heard back from Mayor but police chief is open to learn more. Dr. Fleet said from a harm reduction point of view it is a good idea. She asked how well utilized these programs are. Ms. Cameron replied that Lynn is the second most utilized facility in the state, but said Salem is not as utilized. Wheeler stated that many who use these sites are Peabody residents, and she would expect to see a fair amount of usage in Peabody, particularly along Route 1 corridor. Dr Fleet said that there were 4 new cases of Hepatitis B, and asked if we have information about those cases, do we think this will be a benefit to residents. Ms. Cameron said she would ask Chassea for next time to provide more info on that. Local health departments are not asked to do any investigating or case management on those cases, but Chassea probably has some relevant info so can have her come discuss. Mr. Durkin said he would welcome Mary Wheeler, Mr. Carli and Dr. Fleet agreed, and Ms. Cameron said she would add it to an upcoming meeting.

Next meeting date: May 25, 2023.

Adjournment at 6:34. All agreed