

Board of Health Meeting

April 27, 2022 @ 6PM in Town Hall Room 3

Members Present: Leonard Izzo, Chairman and Paul Mazzuchelli, Member

Others present: Bonni Lang, representing Milford Country Club Condominium, Cammy Amandolare, Resident 35A Country Club Lane, Debra Ali, Ali El Ali from Sunoco Gas, and Lisa Tamagni, Minute Clerk

Call meeting to Order

Chair Leonard Izzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes

The minutes from April 6, 2022, were approved unanimously. Motion made by Paul Mazzuchelli, seconded by Lenoard Izzo.

Milford Country Club Pool Variance Request

Bonnie Lang from Milford Country Club trustees spoke to the board regarding to renew the variance that was approved for the 2021 season. Variances are only valid for 1 year.

The variance request was to open the pool having a certified CPR and first aid certified attendant instead of a lifeguard if they were unable to find a lifeguard and for each resident would be allowed to have two guests.

There has been a shortage of lifeguards and they are very difficult to find. Most lifeguards are seeking jobs at public beaches.

Bonnie stated that if they were unable to hire a lifeguard, they would hire a pool attendant to supervise and monitor both chemicals balance in the pool. The attendant would also be CPR and first aid certified.

Cammy Amandolare addressed the board with her concerns with the variance. It is very dangerous not to have a certified lifeguard. She also didn't feel confident that the trustees were doing their best to look for a lifeguard. That they were comfortable with just having a pool attendant. She also stated that the trustees were not forthcoming with information to the residents. That they did not follow the conditions of variance that was granted to them the prior year. There was some dispute over the function room whether it would be open or closed during pool hours as another safety issue. Cammy also brought to the boards attention that the pool has a leak that the trustees are not repairing.

Lisa Tamagni, Assistant Director said that she would be the inspector for this pool. She ensured Cammy that she would check with Continental Pool to confirm that they are actively searching for a lifeguard. If the board grants the variance that she would ensure that all safety protocols required by the Board are being met with frequent and unannounced inspections throughout the season.

Paul Mazzuchelli, member said that he understands the dilemma with the lifeguard shortage. The problem stems from COVID-19 and it's just not Milford, there is nationwide shortage. The pandemic reduced training, making it difficult to find a lifeguard, especially for a small pool like they have at

Milford Country Club. Most lifeguards are seeking jobs at public lakes and beaches that are able to pay more and offer incentives.

Paul Mazzuchelli made a motion to approve variance, seconded by Leonard Izzo.

- The Milford Country Club pool variance unanimously approved provided other methods used would provide the same degree of protection to the bathers. Under the variance it would be mandatory that the pool attendant be CPR and First aid certified and they are to continue to search for a certified lifeguard. Other precautions are also needed to be in place such as a shepherd's hook That there are also other precautions taken as well. The pool should have rescue equipment such as a shepherd's hook, first aid and safety kits, whistle, and flotation device. Inspections would be frequent and unannounced through the pool season.

Ali Sunoco – Tobacco Violation

Ali Sunoco came before the board because of they were in violation of their tobacco permit. On April 5, 2022, the Milford Police Department selling flavored vape products to minor (under 21). The Board of Health removed all product from the store and immediately suspended their permit to sell tobacco along with a \$1000.00 fine.

Leonard Izzo, Chairman and Paul Mazzuchelli, member discussed the seriousness of selling illegal flavored vape products to minors. Tobacco is one of the biggest public health threats the world has ever faced, but yet tobacco is still legal, and all we can do is to control the sale of tobacco and ensure just those over 21 can use it, said Mazzuchelli. So, we are just limited to controlling the illegal sale of tobacco or vapes to minors.

It is frustrating to us as a board of health who are to protect and prevent people form getting sick and yet we are responsible to issue tobacco sale permits to establishments.

Their permit was re-instated on 4/27/2022 after 16 days of suspension. Leonard Izzo, chairman expressed his disappointment to Debi and Ali. He warned them that in the future that they are going to be subject to frequent unannounced inspections. If they are to violate their permit rights again, they would lose their license to sell indefinitely.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.