



CITY OF REVERE – Board of Health

Meeting Minutes, June 27, 2024

Call of Members: Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathleen Savage, Michael Wells, Lauren Buck, Paula Sepulveda

Topic Discussed: Review and accept meeting minutes from May 23, 2024. Minutes presented to Board members; minutes approved.

Topic Discussed: Smoking Violation (Bonny Carroll)

- Shirley Ave. Variety: 65 Shirley Ave, Business owner present, second offense, fine not paid as of 6/27/2024, seven-day suspension
- Board members uphold suspension and fine

Topic Discussed: Public Health Communicable monthly report (Lauren Buck)

- Influenza and COVID numbers have decreased significantly, as expected in the summer months
- Heat-related deaths and illnesses are preventable, yet 1,220 US citizens die annually due to extreme heat.
- Medications, including over-the-counter ones, can affect heat tolerance, potentially leading to heat illness during hot days. Check warning labels or visit the CDC's Heat and Medications page for more information.
- Certain populations, such as adults over 65, infants, children, those with chronic conditions, athletes, outdoor workers, and pregnant women, are at greater risk for heat sensitivity.
- Do not leave pets and infants in vehicles even on cool days or with a window cracked.
- Revere's Beach has water quality testing every Tuesday and the city's web page will post a banner alert when swimming is unsafe.
- Opioid-related deaths declined in Massachusetts by 10 percent in 2023 and the decline is continuing in 2024, though the same decline has not been seen in certain ethnic and racial groups.
- Narcan boxes are in seven locations throughout the city.

Topic Discussed: Inspectional Services monthly report (Michael Wells)

- Michael Wells presents all inspections conducted by Inspectional Services in June

Topic Discussed: Rodent Control Program Presentation (Nada Abou Hadiba, Yvonne Vu)

- The City has hired professional exterminators to respond to complaints of rodents
- Property owners who contact 311 and have signed a waiver will have their property inspected within 14 days.
- Exterminators will treat burrows and place bait stations using products approved by the State for extermination of rodents, bait boxes are locked, Exterminators will return to the property after one month and treat again if burrows have been reopened and refill baits
- Maximum of six visits per property per year
- Information about rodent prevention is available on the Revere.org web site.