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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINTES

September 12, 2023 – 10:00 AM

In accordance with Governor Healey's extension of the temporary provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held virtually.

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, Tricia Bergeron, Gina deBettencourt, Vineyard Gazette

Mr. White opened the meeting at 10:02AM.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Holy Ghost Association, Portuguese American Feast – Violations of the State Sanitary Code: 105 CMR 590.00**

Ms. Arieta explains that Drew Belsky, Dukes County Food Inspector, was the one who did this vibrio traceback as she was on vacation. Mr. Belsky worked with DPH and the PA Club to do the tracing.

Mr. White asks Ms. Bergeron to explain what happened. She admits that on July 14th, hard shell clams were delivered that she tagged herself, since she did not want to call her stepson back to his shop to tag them after he left. She says that while she should not have done that, they were never handled improperly.

Ms. Arieta states that the report from Steven Rice, Food Inspector for the Dept of Public Health, states that these clams were delivered by the harvester to Ms. Bergeron's home and that she tagged them and put them in her husband's refrigerated truck. The report also states that her stepson had no knowledge of the clams or how they became tagged by his business.

Ms. Arieta states that as a licensed establishment in town, it is critical that they follow proper protocols in terms of handling shellfish.

Mr. Butterick states that he feels Ms. Bergeron understands what she did wrong and that she will not do this again. Mr. Zinno agrees.

The board agrees to a warning to the PA Club without further action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Minutes were not distributed for review.

- **July 18, 2023**
- **August 1, 2023**

Mr. Zinno makes a motion to adjourn at 10:18am. Mr. Butterick seconds. Adjourned 3-0.