The meeting of the Board of Health came to order on March 15, 2018 at 8:10 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room of Melrose City Hall. Present at the meeting were Board members Maurine Garipay and Joe DiPietro as well as staff Ruth Clay. Board member Frank Brincheiro did not attend

Minutes of February 8, 2018 were approved 2:0:0 as presented.

Variance request from Ocean Sushi: Materials were distributed from Ocean Sushi requesting a variance to use Time as a Public Health Control for their sushi rice and appetizers. Clay said that she reviewed all the materials and they were complete. Rice and appetizers will be disposed of after four hours. The Board voted 2:0:0 to approve the variance request.

Health Director’s Report: Clay noted that there was pushback and confusion about who paid for temporary food permits. The Board voted 2:0 to waive the fee for all vendors who were participated in a fundraising event. Clay reviewed the current trash situation at 2 Washington Street using “trash valet” service. The Board noted that they would not approve that type of trash disposal there or anywhere else in Melrose. Garipay asked for an update concerning the marijuana smoking lounges in Melrose. Clay asked the Board if they would be interested in revising the Drug Paraphernalia regulation to prohibit the display or sale in anywhere other than places that restrict entrance to those who are 21 and older.

Materials distributed:

Agenda  
Draft minutes of February 8, 2018  
Health Director’s Report  
Public Health Nurse’s Report  
Variance request paperwork from Ocean Sushi

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Health Director