

TOWN OF WENHAM

BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting of Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was held on November 7, 2018 at 8:00 AM in the downstairs conference room at Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Regina Baker called the meeting to order at 8:11 AM.

Board Members Present: Gerald Donnellan; Regina Baker

Board Members that were not present for quorum, but called in to listen: Dr. Andrew Ting

Also Present: Greg Bernard, Health Agent; Jackie Bresnahan, Permitting Coordinator and Recording Secretary; Joyce Redford, Director, North Shore/Cape Ann TAPP Program

The Board took item number 6 at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Joyce Redford from the North Shore/Cape Ann TAPP Program, but for minutes purposes the order reflects the agenda as posted.

1. Public Comment
 - a. There was no one from the public present.
2. New Business
 - a. There was no new business.
3. Old Business
 - a. There was no old business.
4. Updates from the Health Agent, Assistant health Agent, and Public Health Nurse
 - a. There were no updates from BOH staff
5. Letter from resident re: request to remove fluoride from the Town's water supply
 - a. Updated information from Water Department – The Water Superintendent answered the Board of Health's question, that there was no way to lower the amount of fluoride in the Town's water. The Board made no motion to change their former opinion of supporting an article at Town Meeting to remove fluoride from the water and will not support such an article.
6. Discussion on Tobacco 21 Implementation (State Law versus Local Regulation)
 - a. Review draft language of change to local regulation making minor selling age to twenty-one (21) on January 1, 2019 (instead of current tiered implementation over three years). The Board reviewed the changes made by Joyce Redford to the 2001 Regulations of the Board of Health, including changing the Minimum Legal Selling Age from 18 to 21 in numerous places and updating the definition of "tobacco product" to reflect M.G.L.
 - b. Joyce Redford updated the Board on the other municipalities that have already gone to 21 and described the process of implementing the age to 21 prior to December 30 or using the State's tiered implementation. The Board discussed proceeding with a public hearing for the regulations in December to bring the age to 21 prior to the state deadline.
 - c. The Board also discussed some grammatical fixes to the 2001 regulation and that Permitting Coordinator Jackie Bresnahan would update the formatting to match current Board of Health regulations.
 - d. There was a motion to accept the changes by Regina Baker, seconded by Jerry Donnellan, and was unanimous. The Board determined that the public Hearing should be scheduled for December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The Permitting Coordinator was tasked with attending to the public hearing notice, putting the amended and proposed draft on the BOH website, and advertising the Public Hearing through the BOS meeting announcements.

- e. Ms. Redford left the meeting at this point.
- 7. Flu Clinic Reminder: November 30 in Hamilton
 - a. Jerry and Jackie will be providing administrative assistance and Maribeth will be administering flu shots.
- 8. Approval of minutes from October 24, 2018
 - a. Regina Baker moved to approve the minutes of 10/24/18 and they were approved unanimously.

The Board adjourned unanimously at 8:55 am. The next meeting will be December 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bresnahan