

BOARD OF HEALTH
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday August 28, 2018

Town Hall Meeting Room 124

Board of Health Members Attending

Chairman:	Tom Gilbert
Clerk:	Frances Sullivan
Member:	Jeff Kane
Admin. Asst:	Betsy Fijol
Others:	Officer Michelle Palladini

Tom Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearings

None

New Business

Officer Michelle Palladini-Vaping/JUULing Presentation

Officer Palladini explained she is here to educate the community and the Board of Health in order to collaborate on some goals to prevent the use of electronic devises with our youth. She explained that there has been a huge uptake amongst our youth with the use of these devises in the last 3 years and said there are hundreds of videos on You Tube that glamorizes vaping. Officer Palladini outlined the health effects of e-cigarettes.

Officer Palladini shared the data from a survey that she sent out a survey this afternoon to parents in the King Philip community.

Dennis Lane, Coalition for Responsible Retailing, said that JUULing and vaping in schools is an issue and education is the key. He said that he strongly encourages towns to develop purchase, possession and laws for vaping & JUULing, just like there is for alcohol.

Nicolas John, Northeast Regional Manager of the R Street Institute, said that he had sent the Board a comprehensive packet of testimony on some of the studies and position statements about e-cigarettes and vapor products which point out that e-cigarettes and vapor products pose a much reduced risk to combustible tobacco products.

Peg Bedard said that she read an article that indicates big tobacco product are behind e-cigarettes.

Abbyville 40B Development/17 Lawrence Street Discussion

Jeff said that the Board just received today the updated report from Weston & Sampson, but has not had time to review it.

Sandy Myatt asked if the Board has received the town water reports yet. The Board replied that they have not seen the water tests. Ms. Myatt said the next Public Involvement Plan meeting is next Tuesday and asked if a representative from the Board of Health would be attending. Tom and Jeff said they would like to attend if possible.

Ms. Myatt said that the Lawrence Street bridge improvement project is starting soon and is concerned about arsenic in Bush Pond. She asked if there are any protective measures from dust that may be contaminated. Tom said that it is his understanding that the bridge construction is not going to disturb the sediment of the pond and there is no indication that would be a source of contamination.

Ms. Myatt said that the comprehensive permitting process is underway with the ZBA and asked if the Board of Health will be commenting on health risk concerns with the project. Jeff said the Board will make comments once they've had the chance to read through the Weston & Sampson report. The Board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Agent Appointments

Jeff moved to approve the following agents to the Board of Health:

Wade Saucier & Tom Houston – Health Agents
Betsy Fijol – BOH Admin. Assistant/Agent
Carol Greene – Town Clerk for issuing Burial Permits
Mark Oram – Sanitarian for restaurant inspections & Housing Code inspections
Hilary Cohen – Animal Advisory Agent
Ed Nolan – Emergency Preparedness Agent

Fran asked that the Emergency Preparedness Agent appointment be held until she understands the details of the responsibilities of that position.

Fran amended the motion to hold the appointment of the Emergency Preparedness Agent.

Tom seconded the motion.

The motion carried as amended, 2-1 (Jeff voted against).

The Board will invite Ed Nolan to the next meeting.

Review & Approve FY 19-Mark Oram/Sanitarian Contract for Food Establishment Inspections/Health Agent Services

Fran moved to accept Mark Oram's FY 19 Sanitarian contract for Food Establishment Inspections/Health Agent Services. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board signed the contract.

Review & Approve Walpole Area Visiting Nurse FY19 Contract

Jeff moved to approve the Walpole Area Visiting Nurse FY19 Contract. Fran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MRC Updates

Fran said the next MRC meeting is next Tuesday. The MRC is still working on the Emergency Dispensing Site Plan. She said that badges were made for MRC members. The MRC is hoping to host a First Aid training soon and use the annual Flu Clinic in October as a training exercise.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances Sullivan/Clerk