

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**One Liberty Lane**  
**Norfolk, MA 02056**

Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Town Hall Meeting Room 124**

**Board of Health Members Attending**

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

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

**Public Hearings**

None

**New Business**

**Discussion on Amendments to the “Regulations of the Norfolk Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products”**

Sarah McColgan, Tobacco Control Director for Massachusetts Health Officers Association, explained that 146 communities in Massachusetts now have policies restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products. She said that Somerville, Needham and Ashland have led the way with removing the exemption for menthol, mint and wintergreen.

Mary Cole, Greater Boston Tobacco Free Community Partnership, said that she provides a public health approach to vaping prevention and said that policies on flavor restrictions are one of the most powerful things communities can do. Ms. Cole said convenience stores and gas stations are targeting kids by locating the flavored tobacco products right next to the candy and slushies that are appealing to kids, which is a tactic from the tobacco industry. She explained that menthol, mint and wintergreen were originally exempt from the flavor restriction policies because the big tobacco companies lobbied to have them exempt.

The Board discussed proposed amendments to the “Regulations of the Norfolk Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products” that would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, except in smoking bars and adult-only tobacco stores. A copy of the draft regulation will be mailed to each tobacco retailer, posted on the Norfolk web site and a notice of hearing will be publicized in the Sun Chronicle. A date for the public hearing was scheduled for June 10, 2019 and then subsequently rescheduled to June 18, 2019.

## **17 Lawrence Street-Public Involvement Plan Discussion**

Mr. Gilbert said that he wanted to explain a situation that happened a few weeks prior between Board of Health meetings. He said that he received a call from a member of the Planning Board concerning the Cranberry Heights Subdivision that was proposed off of Lawrence Street. He said the proposal to build that subdivision would cause some serious changes in grade and may have included blasting. Mr. Gilbert said that he had concerns over what that might be doing to private wells in the area. Mr. Gilbert said he dictated a letter that was sent along to the Planning Board asking that as part of their permitting for subdivision that the applicant be required to meet with the Board of Health before any site work is done to discuss the need for pre-construction testing of abutting water supply wells. Shortly after receiving this letter, the applicant withdrew his subdivision application before the Planning Board.

David Dimond presented a petition, dated April 23, 2019, from the neighbors to ask the Board of Health to request a meeting with Mr. DiPlacido within the next 21 days and present the entirety of environmental sampling data taken in 2019. This data is important for town and nearby residents to determine the risks to human health and the environment. The neighbors also asked that the Board of Health send a letter to the ZBA that no Comprehensive Permit be issued for the Abbyville 40B project until the full nature and extent of the contamination is known and the PCB levels meet the S-1 requirements of a Zone II of the public water supply. Mr. Dimond said that the PIP group made a request on March 18, 2019 to Mr. Vetere, the LSP of Record at the time, to present a Status Update at a PIP meeting with 2019 sampling results. Mr. Vetere resigned on April 1, 2019 without a response to the request. The Buckley & Mann attorney from Macchi & Macchi, Joana Giorgio Hilvert, replied to the PIP on April 9, 2019 but did not release the test results either.

Sandra Myatt said that based upon the data available, it is likely that there are higher PCB levels that could pose an imminent hazard, especially when the Lawrence Street bridge reopens with the recreational aspect of the cantilevered walkway.

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting as information becomes available.

### **MRC Updates**

Ms. Sullivan said that Dr. Ilene Segal is holding a Basic Pet First Aid class on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 1-3 pm at the Norfolk Public Library.

She said that the MRC is continuing to work on the Emergency Dispensing Site plan and would like to hold a group meeting or exercise that includes all the positions that play a role in the plan.

Ms. Fijol is being held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9-11 am at the DPW garage.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2019 (subsequently rescheduled to June 18, 2019)

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frances Sullivan/Clerk