

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Present: Julia Lane, Kylie Williams, Laura Nolan and Scott Moles.
Julia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Laura to approve the 7/19/2018 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Salmon VNA, July 2018	\$335.00
Amazon: Digital Sound Level Meter (cost split with Planning Board)	\$27.99

Health Director's Report

Flu Clinic is scheduled for October 27, 2018. Media has been notified for quarterly publications and will be contacted again in September. This clinic is similar in timing to last year's clinic.

Barn Book: Scott has been working with the Agricultural Commission Chairman, PJ Kilkelly visiting the farms in town and has completed about half of the Barn Book. He anticipates completing the rest of the farms in the next week.

Animal Inspector Position: PJ Kilkelly is still hoping to be our Animal Inspector as he is awaiting paperwork.

105 High Street had a non-permitted septic pit installed in 2002 by Bob Haberski. Frank Murphy brought in a passing Title 5 report that did not show the "abandoned" original D-box and leach field. When pressed, Frank said he noticed the D-box but said it was disconnected. Frank did not do his due diligence regarding the original septic system, or didn't report it. Title 5 Inspectors are licensed by the State. Bob said the original D-box and leach field was left connected in 2002.

Scott sent the new owner a letter regarding this non-permitted septic pit, copying Frank Murphy. The water usage was checked for the past few years. The system appears to be working, but it is not known if it will be adequate for a full 3 bedroom house since only 2 persons had lived there.

Bertucci's restaurant had an undocumented mobile wood-burning pizza oven parked outside the restaurant, as noticed by the Building Inspector. Scott visited them and clarified their need to come work with the Health Department before having additional cooking facilities as they don't fall immediately under their existing food permit. They agreed to do so.

Water Quality at Well #4 is good again and back on line.

Building Inspector Position: The town has interviewed several good candidates. The current Building Inspector will retire in September.

Lake Winthrop water testing has been going well, and will continue through August.

Willow Brook Farm was selected at random by the State Commission Sanitary Program for a summer camp inspection last Thursday. The report will be available next week. The only notable need was to have the farm councilors trained for the concussion protocol. The CDC has a “Heads Up” course on-line. Petting farms have been included in the group with soccer camps using the logic if a goat butts a camper and they fall potentially hitting their head.

Covanta had a Saturday loading event last week, as agreed upon by the Board. Last Saturday, 5 trucks were processed between 8 AM to 1 PM. Covanta had contacted Scott the week prior, and on the Friday before, as specified. There were no complaints.

7:30 PM - Tobacco Public Hearing

Scott read the legal ad posted in the newspaper for the Tobacco Regulations Public Hearing. The Board of Health was reviewing the existing regulations per the request of the Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC) and HDAAC student advocates letter presented at the June 7th meeting. The HDAAC student advocates were requesting Holliston cap the number of tobacco permits issued.

Present at the meeting were representatives from:

- HDAAC
- HDAAC student advocate
- local tobacco retailers
- Coalition for Responsible Retailing
- Bay State tobacco cessation
- MA Association of Health Boards legal

The Board was happy that our newspaper advertisement, emails and communications had resulted in full representation of interested parties.

Draft copies of the proposed regulations were reviewed by all present. Proposed changes to the current regulations include:

- Capping the tobacco retail permits at the current 10
- Consolidating the “School Tobacco Ban” regulation into the “Public Ban” regulation
- The addition of electronic cigarettes to the public ban
- Updating the language from 2001 to include the current state of tobacco and nicotine delivery products
- Streamlining the “Definitions” to make the regulations more readable

A respectful and interesting discussion between the Board and the attendees included:

- Request for more “No Smoking” signage from a gas station tobacco retailer, as some folks want to smoke too near the pumps, not understanding the problems with combustible gas.
- How to enforce no smoking ban at gas stations was questioned. Scott is the enforcer and will respond to any request by retailers with problematic smokers.
- Sharing of how to identify false ID’s. The MA driver’s license has a state holographic outline brightly visible by holding the license up to a light.
- Dennis Lane, Coalition for Responsible Retailing, said there was a flood of false ID’s from China. They confiscate fake ID’s and give them to the police.
- Discussing younger retail clerks being empowered to perform adequate Identification for tobacco sales.
- Possibly offer a training session for employees on tobacco sales identification. Sarah McColgan would be the contact for that. It had been done 8 years ago, coordinating between surrounding towns.
- Flavor bans were discussed and the apparent protection of some flavors including menthol and mint.

- Mary Cole, Bay State Smoking Cessation, offered brochures and posters targeting helping parents talk with their children about the dangers of vaping.
- Clarification is needed in the Violations section of the Public Ban that “permit suspension” would be for tobacco retailers holding permits.
- Scott will be discussing the School Ban Regulation with the School Principal and Superintendent on Friday.

The Board thanked everyone for attending, and appreciated their input.

The Hearing was left open in the event that we get any more comments before the next meeting. Since August is often a vacation month, we want to be sure all interested parties have an opportunity to comment. The Board will discuss the proposed drafts at the September 6th meeting.

Board Member Comment

Laura has a work conflict with the September 20th meeting, but the other 2 members are available. All three Board members are available for the September 6th meeting.

Motion: Kylie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Laura. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-6-18