

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Eric Dickinson and Scott Moles. Karen Spaziente was absent.
Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Mary Greendale joined the meeting to discuss the use and abuse among young adults and teens of e-cigarettes to ingest other substances as well as her concern with what happens to the highly toxic nicotine substance they discard. She explained to the Board that people are using the paraphernalia to smoke illegal substances.

Mary is a founding member of The Holliston Drug & Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC) which is a group primarily concerned about the youth of Holliston and the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. She explained that the group has had forums and has met with various experts in the subject and invited the Board to get involved. The HDAAC is not "looking to re-create the wheel" but to find and use developed programs and practices to help the youth of Holliston stay healthy and safe. They would like to gather other groups and experts in town and work together to identify some of the solutions.

Rich Maccagnano agreed that we should work together and suggested talking to other towns, particularly Needham, to find best practices. He also stated that he does not want to dis-allow the use of e-cigarettes for adults that are using them responsibly.

Mary said the HDAAC is meeting next Tuesday and invited the Board to join them.

Proposed Smoke Shop

Jamil Safdar, prospective owner of a smoke shop at 406 Washington Street joined the meeting. Health Agent Scott Moles told Jamil that the Board had recently added the restriction of e-cigarettes to minors to the Tobacco Regulations. Rich Maccagnano added that he does not for see the age limit changing from 18 but there is no guarantee. He asked Jamil to explain the products he sells. Jamil told the Board he sells only to people over 18. He has large signs stating 18 year limit and checks all identification before allowing people to browse. He has been in the business over 30 years. His cigarette sales have declined over 50% in the last few years and he is getting away from cigarettes. He sells e-cigarettes and they are all from USA. The main products he sells are cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, water pipes and hookahs. He does not allow smoking at his shop but he does allow patrons to try a 0% e-cigarette if they wish. Rich asked Jamil when he anticipated opening and he said as soon as possible. If he decides to sell drinks, he will come to the Board for a food permit. The Board wished him well and said they would visit once he is open.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Eric Dickinson and seconded by Rich Maccagnano to approve the March 19, 2015 minutes. Two in favor.

Approval of Bills

There were no bills to sign.

Health Director's Report

Health Agent Scott Moles gave his update to the Board. He reviewed recent projects and gave the Board an overview of the department business.

PHEP Grants - He told the Board he planned put in for a PHEP mini-grant for buying a hand washing station. The generator is scheduled to service with PHEP grant money. Rich Maccagnano told Scott he did not want to have any responsibility for the generator and to ask Bob Nemet about it, especially if it's just routine inspection of alarms.

Flu Vaccine - Scott updated the Board regarding our flu vaccine orders, 400 doses from Sanofi and at least double the Flumist order form the State.

1146 Washington Street – Scott was asked to do a housing inspection for a potential Section 8 tenant. In reviewing the file he discovered the septic system is in need of repair and the property may transferred ownership without a Title 5 inspection, through Realty Trust Changes. He will continue to pursue this project. Rich Maccagnano expressed the need to fix this system.

Birch Street – There have been inquiries regarding three 5,000 sq.ft lots and installing a septic system on each of them. The lots may not be feasibly buildable without Nitrogen Aggregation Plans.

100 Central Street – Mark Coleman, a representative of Fantastic Sam's has inquired about putting a three chair hair salon in a vacant space. The septic system has no tight tank and was recently worked on to improve its functionality of the "Micro-Fast" system. Rich stated there was no grease trap and that all the grease from Table Top is going into the system now and is concerned about the added capacity. The Health Department referred Mark to GLM to review the capacity of existing and proposed design flows and to Wastewater Technologies on potential impact to the "Micro-Fast" septic system.

275 Hopping Brook – a new marble and stone cutting tenant is planning on moving into available space. Rich suggested Scott review the file of Stoneworks at 53 Jeffrey Avenue.

Inspector of Animals Annual Nomination

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano, and seconded by Eric Dickinson, to nominate Donna Walsh as Animal Inspector. Two in favor.

Board Member Comment

Rich Maccagnano suggested the Board get trained in the use of epi-pens by a particular vendor and receive free product. He thought they Board could use the epi-pens to distribute to other departments in need. After a discussion it was decided to pass on the opportunity.

Rich Maccagnano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Eric Dickinson seconded, and two are in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 4-16-15