

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting of May 9, 2017

Chair Carol Bradford, Board members Susan Sama, Linda Huet-Clayton, Health Director William Murphy and BOH Administrative Assistant Michele Korman were present in the DPW conference room at 7:20pm and the meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

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Minutes of March meeting were held for approval  
Invoices were approved  
Correspondence was reviewed and included the following:

- (a) BOH Agenda: May 9, 2017
- (b) Account summary: fy'17
- (c) Social Worker Report: April 2017
- (d) BOH Nurse Report: April 2017
- (e) Health Director Report: April 2017

Health Director, William Murphy: Continuation of Public Hearing: Tobacco Control Regulations

Chair Bradford:

We have put forth revised tobacco regulations for the town of Sudbury to promote public health and safety-most especially for Sudbury's youth. Among other things, the revised regulation increases the age at which tobacco products can be purchased in town from 18 to 21 years old. In so doing, we have emulated all the surrounding towns and most of the state with regards to tobacco sales to minors. We also proposed to limit the number of tobacco sales permits in Sudbury to no more than ten. We are mindful of local business needs and have worked with local retailers in the revision of this new regulation. Overall, we believe the changes proposed in this revised regulation are beneficial for public health in the Town of Sudbury.

Dennis Lane:

Coalition for Responsible Retailers:

- Mr. Lane urged the Board to revisit the flavor referendum:
- Flavors are a legal product for legal-aged adults to purchase
- Removing flavors from retailers results in significant diminishing of profit outcomes
- Flavors are becoming more mainstream and a big part of the retail landscape

Terri Curran: Sudbury Resident:

- Ms. Curran is a registered Cessation provider who works closely with the American Lung Association Cessation Program
- This program offers cessation classes
- Outreach services to schools, businesses and many other local residential programs including services at Longfellow Glen

Cheryl Sbarra: Massachusetts Association of Health Boards:

- Ms. Sbarra spoke to the fact that Sudbury's new Tobacco Regulations would put Sudbury on par with many other towns in Massachusetts who are adopting similar tobacco control measures.

Chair Bradford:

- Made motion to close public hearing on Tobacco Regulations- Susan Sama seconded- motion granted.

Chair Bradford made motion to open discussion for Tobacco Regulation Revision: Susan Sama seconded- motion granted.

Board member, Susan Sama:

I would like to recognize the input the board received from the tobacco control coalition, town counsel, local retailers and residents during this process of reviewing and revising our Tobacco Regulations.

I believe we have drafted new regulations that address the concerns that were raised during this process while also addressing the Board's desire to amend certain key elements, including expanding the definition of tobacco products, raising the minimum sales age, limiting the number of tobacco permits allowed, banning of smoking near schools or in town vehicles, limiting the sales of flavored tobacco products, and requiring that tobacco cessation information be posted where tobacco products are sold.

These new regulations bring Sudbury in line with many other municipalities in the state and I support the adoption of these regulations.

- Chair Bradford, Board members Susan Sama, Linda Huet-Clayton and Health Director, William Murphy support tobacco regulation as proposed.
- Board member, Susan Sama made motion to vote and approve Tobacco Revisions as they were proposed in the new Tobacco Regulation- Linda Huet-Clayton seconded- Motion Granted.
- Enactment Date for approved Tobacco Regulations will be July 1, 2017

Meeting Adjourned:

8:30pm

Submitted: Michele Korman  
Sudbury BOH  
6/13/17