

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Board Meeting January 14, 2020

Attendance: Board Chair Carol Bradford, Board Member Linda Huet-Clayton, Board Member Susan Sama, Health Director William Murphy, Admin. Beth Porter, Students – Ava Guleserian, Maya Gollerkeri, Residents - Alex Via 5 Wadsworth Rd, Kelley DeVaney 88 Ford Rd, Trisha O’Hagon 270 Concord Rd. Lincoln, Navnidh Bal 24 July Rd, Drew Gollerkeri 27 Hadley Rd.

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

4:00: Opening comments – No Public Comments Chair Carol Bradford calls meeting to order.

4:01 Lincoln Sudbury Students and Sudbury Resident Presented the Following:

Presentation Proposing Polystyrene (PS) Reduction By-Law:

- Maya Gollerkeri (member of the LSRHS Environmental Club) explained what PS is and identified the health and environmental risks that exposure to PS poses to the worldwide population. PS cannot be recycled. Food establishments and retailers would be most impacted by the By-Law by limiting use, distribution, or selling of PS based products.
Exemptions would include, products packaged in PS but prepared outside of Sudbury. The Board of Health would have the ability to deem products exempt.

Presentation Proposing Disposable Plastic Pollution Reduction By-Law:

- Eva Guleserian, (member of the LSRHS Environmental Club) proposes the banning of all (including compostable and biodegradable) plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks. Eva explained the health and environmental risks of exposure to microplastics.
Exemptions would include individuals with disabilities or medical conditions. The food establishment owners would be given a grace period to use current inventory so as to not burden them financially.

Presentation Proposing Checkout Bag Charge Authorization:

- Alex Via (Member of Surfrider Foundation MA Chapter) proposes charging 10 cents per paper bag at checkout to encourage the use of re-usable bags and to reduce waste for bags that are designed to be durable for only 3 uses.

- It was discussed that Sustainable Sudbury, Surfrider and LSRHS Env. Club could collaborate to obtain a grant to purchase recyclable bags to hand out to residents. This would help to encourage more sustainable options.

Summary and discussion of presentations:

- Some local food establishments have already adopted some or all of the proposals.
- The Town of Lincoln has already passed similar by-laws and it was suggested that the organizations contact the Lincoln municipality to see if their model would work for Sudbury.
- Health Department will need to evaluate the impact that this will have on departmental operations. The lack of money and resources may preclude the Health Dept. from prioritizing this project. It was suggested that Sustainable

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Summary and discussion of Presentations Cont:

Sudbury, Surfrider and LSRHS Env. Club approach food establishments to present the proposals for PS Reduction, Disposable Plastic Reduction and Bag Charge. It was agreed that this might be the most pragmatic approach as it seems that the majority of food establishments would be open to the proposals. The organizations will contact the board to give an update of their progress.

- The organizers are targeting the Agenda for Town Meeting scheduled for May 4th 2020.

EEE- Eastern Equine Encephalitis State Wide Meeting:

On January 7th Health Director attended a meeting called by the Mass Dep. Of Public Health to discuss proposed response actions for EEE next summer. The state will increase efforts to collaborate with critical and high-risk communities.

The effectiveness of spraying, truck mounted and aerial, is dependent on many variables (mainly weather). The best protection against EEE is personal protections including covering up exposed skin, insect repellent, and limiting outdoor activities from dusk to dawn.

Sudbury is planning on routine helicopter larvicide spraying in the early spring and truck mounted adulticide spraying throughout the season as needed.

The new Massachusetts Laws pertaining to Vaping and E-cigarettes were reviewed.

The Sudbury Water District testing for levels of PFAS in the water supply was completed:

Bill Murphy and Susan Sama met with the Sudbury Water District (SWD) to requested that the Sudbury Water District test the drinking water for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The SWD agreed to proceed with testing but expressed concerns about the State's plan to reduce the allowable levels from 70 ppt to 20 ppt. The SWD agreed to share the results when completed.

113 Haynes Rd. Sienna Farms:

Owners proposed an outdoor kitchen for classes and events. The Health Director expressed concerns with meeting the requirements of the Food Code and Title 5. The Health Director, Building Inspector, Fire Chief, and Planning Director are consulting with Town Counsel about options.

Discussed Hiring Summer Health Interns:

Proposed project would be to designate drafting and updating regulations.

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Correspondence:

Letter to Jack Carty

December 12, 2019 BoH Mtg Minutes

Woodward & Curran - Municipal Facility Plan

Animal Control Report

Sudbury Patch write up of Ban Proposals

Resident Letter voicing concerns over proposed "Bag Charge" by-law

Resident Letter voicing concern over proposed Styrofoam by-law

Chart for where and what tobacco products can be sold in Mass

Kelley Devaney letter explaining proposed by-laws for Plastic, Polystyrene and Check out bags.

Letter from Sud Hlth Dir. Requesting Sud Water District to test water supply for PFAS

Proposal from 113 Haynes Rd. requesting permitting for events/cooking classes

Metro Regional Preparedness Coalition Notification & Drill/Drill Summary

Dam Safety and Inspection Report/Follow up of Poor & Unsafe Dam conditions

An Act Modernizing Tobacco Control – Gov Baker signed into law Nov. 27th 2019

205 Marlboro Rd. Housing Violation Order

Meeting Adjourned 5:45 PM