

DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
September 25, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Leanne Jasset, B.S.P., RPH Chairperson
Kathy Reda, RN., BSN Vice Chairperson
Mary Ellard, RN., Member
Cathy Cardinale, Health Director
Fior Griffin, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

6:01 Open Discussion

1. Mary Berkett, a resident from 18 Sanderson Ave, addressed the Board concerning the proposed gun store at 224 Bussey Street, East Dedham. She provided the Board with information supporting the idea that the gun store poses a Public Health threat. She provided research information accumulated from the Harvard Chan School of Public Health, which can be found on the Harvard Chan School of Public Health website. She stated that the Board of Health and Town Council had previously stated that they were not aware of any other communities that have regulated firearms. She wanted to encourage the Board to use that as an opportunity to lead by example. She also reminded the Board that the 2nd Amendment grants the right to bear arms but does not grant the right to sell arms.
2. Chairman Leanne Jasset thanked Mrs. Berkett for her comments. She further noted that the Board is continuing to research the topic and collect facts before having their public hearing on this matter.
3. Resident Virginia Hickey of 254 East St. asked if we had a date for the Board of Health's public hearing regarding the gun shop. Chairman Jasset stated that the date for the public hearing has not yet been determined at the request of the Town Council to wait until after the November Town Meeting.

6:10 Board Meeting Minutes Accepted

1. Motion made by Mary Ellard to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2019 board meeting. Kathy Reda seconds the motion.
2. Minutes accepted.

6:10 Tobacco Regulation discussion

The discussion is regarding whether or not Dedham will ban the sale of mint, menthol and wintergreen flavored tobacco and vaping products.

Governor Baker banned the selling of ALL vaping products on Tuesday September 24, 2019 for a period of four months. Due to this ban, Health Director Cathy Cardinale, suggests to the Board that they delay the decision on banning mint, menthol and wintergreen flavored tobacco and vaping products because any decision they make may have to be amended if and when the Governor lifts his ban on vaping products.

Chairman Jasset asked Director Cardinale to inform the Board of the actions taken by the Health department in response to the Governors ban. Director Cardinale informed the Board that the Health Department inspectors went out to the 25 Dedham stores that hold tobacco permits to

ensure that all vaping products had been removed from the shelves and none of the banned substances were being sold. Director Cardinale was happy to report that only 2 stores were in non-compliance. Those two stores received a Cease and Desist order and were given 24hrs to comply with the Governor's orders.

John Sherman was in attendance and represents single and chain convenience stores. He assured the Board that he will help all his stores in Dedham comply immediately with the Emergency Ban issued by the Governor. He is speaking to the Board because he believes that mint, menthol and wintergreen flavored cigarettes and vaping products should not be banned because it is a way for addicted adults to quit smoking. Chairperson Jasset asked if Mr. Sherman was aware of any other towns that have banned the mint, menthol and wintergreen only for vaping and not for cigarettes and chewing tobacco? Mr. Sherman was unaware of any other towns that had done that. Health Director Cardinale said that she will talk with D.J. Wilson, the MA State Tobacco Control Lawyer, and get some more information regarding how other towns are handling it. Mr. Sherman provided statistics showing that from 2011 to 2018, cigarette smoking is down 48% to 8.1%, Cigar smoking is down 34% to 7.6% and smokeless tobacco use is down 25% to 5.9%. For this reason, he feels that flavored cigarette and vape products are helpful in getting adults to quit smoking. He also suggested Best practices to help prevent youth tobacco use. Some of those included a computer program to verify ID, it also limits the number of items sold in a single transaction and it does not allow for employee overrides. Chairperson Jasset asked that a compliance check for the tobacco stores be performed before the next Board meeting.

7:10 Discussion and vote to sponsor Fall Town Meeting Article for a by-law change relating to the Board of Assessors, Board of Health and Planning Board respective Department Heads

1. Board Member Mary Ellard motions to table the vote. The motion is seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kathy Reda.

7:14 Old Business

1. Health Director Cardinale asks to clarify the nuisance By-Law that was addressed at the prior month's meetings. Mary Ellard recapped that the By-law was adopted Oct 2018 Town Council is finalizing the wording. The regulation states that the person making the complaint must be an abutter to the property.
2. The list of abandoned properties has been successful with the help of the Attorney General. Lancaster Rd house has been resolved.
3. Chairperson Jasset is moving forward with setting up CPR classes for residents and babysitting classes for middle school and high school students. She will speak with Andy DeFrias, Fallon Ambulance Director – Training Center. She plans to offer a basic class to Town Hall employees first and then open it up for CPR and babysitting classes possibly during school vacations.
4. Plastic Bag Ban- The Board of Health is taking the position that they do not want to be the enforcing agent on the Plastic bag Ban because the department does not have the financial means or manpower to enforce.

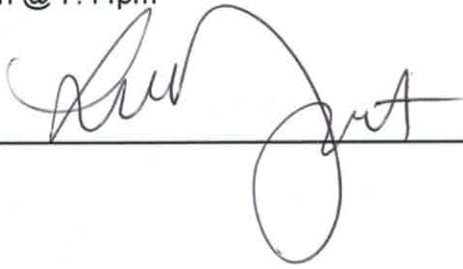
7:30 Director's Report

1. **Deli After Dark** – Zeid, the owner, had made necessary changes so they can re-open. They have 30 days to complete the renovation of their floors. They can re-open on Thursday September 26th.
2. **Food Code** - Working on implementing the 2013 food code on iPads. We may have new software through MUNIS for inspection reports.
3. **Strategic Framework Planning Drug Coalition** - Kathy Reda attended the workshop and thought it was very well done. The Coalition will be having a table at Dedham Day with a large

inflatable brain on display to show the effects of drugs on the brain. The Coalition was having a training on "Hidden in Plain sight" so they can present it at Dedham Day.

- 4. Flu vaccines** - Jessica Tracy, Health Nurse, will be busy administering flu vaccines for the next couple months thru flu season. She typically is responsible for fewer inspections at this time of year but Chairperson Jasset asked that she continue to assist in the inspections to ensure all establishments are inspected by 12/31/19.

No Executive Session
Motion to adjourn @ 7:44pm

Signature  Date: 10/17/19