

MEETING MINUTES  
April 19th, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Candace Linehan BOH chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Attendance:** Candace Linehan, Chair, Laurel Skinder Gourville, Vice-Chair, Elaine Silva secretary

**Administration Present:** Cindy Luongo, Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield

**Public Engagement:** Melissa Eusden, Chair of ESC, in spoke to the boh, Melissa is working with Erin Kokinda on compliance of the [Wakefield Plastics and Styrofoam ban By- Law](#). She asked if the health inspectors will be checking on compliance and if the boh has a process in place for new businesses when they apply to acknowledge the by-law. Director Chui responded that they the health department will take on an more education approach with materials in all languages to help the ESC reach their goals. Vice Chair, Laurel Skinder Gourville said this may be a regulation change. The by-law is not a health departments by-law. Silva, said that in the public meeting this was not part of what the health inspectors will be doing in their inspections and the new by-law does not say this.

**Approval of minutes or March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023:** minutes approved with one correction, Gourville motions, seconded by Silva. Motion passed 3-0-0 by roll call vote.

**Wakefield Environmental Sustainability Committee Members:** Tiana Veldwisch member of the ESC has been working for several months on requiring recycling in all buildings. All units 5 or higher must provide private trash and recycling to residents. In MA a number of towns and municipalities provide recycling regulations through the trash haulers permits. Chair Linehan asked if any of the newer buildings are recycling and if there is language in the developers plans that make a commitment to sustainability. Tiana said some of the new buildings are not recycling. Director Chui said they will also like to get out a more educational approach on the waste ban and recycling in MA. Gourville said that because of the state mandate we may need to include this into our hauler's regulations. The BOH would need to review our current regulations and try to align them with the state. Tiana will send along the links to state regulations. Dumpster and Hauler permits expire in December this may give us time to change the regulations.

**Public Hearing Tobacco Regulations:** Director Anthony Chui addressed the BOH, the meeting would have to be postponed as the public hearing meeting until the May meeting.

**Adjournment:** Gourville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Silva 06:51 p.m. Motion passed 3-0 by a roll call vote. Next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> 6 PM

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo