

BOARD OF HEALTH

Laurel Skinder Gourville, Chair
Elaine Silva, Vice Chair
Candace Linehan, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

October 18th, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Laurel Skinder Gourville, BOH chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Administration Present: Cindy Luongo, Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Maureen Buzby, MVPH Tobacco Control Coordinator, Melissa Lowry, PHN Melrose, Wakefield and Stoneham. Sandra Brown, PHN Wakefield

Public Engagement: about 48 people were in attendance

Approval of minutes of September 20th, 2023: Linehan motions, seconded by Silva. Motion passed with corrections 3-0-0 by roll call vote.

Nicotine-Free Generation Public Hearing:

Proposed changes to the Wakefield Board of Health tobacco regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. *"Prohibition of Sales – No person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency shall sell tobacco or e-cigarette products to anyone born on or after 1/1/2004.*

Any person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency who or which shall violate any provisions of this regulation and upon written notification shall be fined and suspended in accordance to the schedule set forth under the Regulation of the Wakefield Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products."

Health Director Anthony Chui reads letters submitted to the board.

[September 13th letter from Jason Lewis, Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Donald Wong](#)

[September 17th letter from Tinamarie Sanborn, RN \(Wakefield Resident\)](#)

[September 20th letter from Rebecca Nuernberger](#)

[October 12th letter from Doug Lyons Superintendent of Schools Wakefield](#)

[October 16th letter from MMA Lisa Stevens-Goodnight](#)

[October 17th Letter from NATO David Spross](#)

[October 18th letter from National Convenience Distributors](#)

[October 16th Letter from Andrew Cedrone GMS](#)

[October 18th letter from WPS Counselors](#)

[October 18th letter from Brendan Kent Athletic Director, Health, & Wellness WPS](#)



Public comments read at the meeting:

[October 18th Letter from Liz Parsons Wakefield resident](#)

[October 18th letter from Frank Olivieri Wakefield Resident](#)

[October 18th letter from Melissa Lowry Public Health Nurse](#)

Chuck D'Andrea tobacco salesman 40 years attended a Stoneham meeting last night. Opposition speech
Pina Mascrelli Wakefield resident in support "I never wanted my son to get addicted to nicotine"

[October 18th letter from Sandra Brown Public Health Nurse](#)

Mr. Patel owner of Mobile Mart 950 Main St Wakefield opposition speech.

Chris Duffy CEO James J Duffy inc , a local distributor since 1941. Opposition speech

Ben Brooks Nouria Energy 356 Lowell St Wakefield opposition speech

[October 18th letter from PHYL G](#)

[October 18th Mark Gottlieb from Cambridge the Executive Director of Public Health Advocacy Institute, North Eastern University also a lawyer for public health litigation.](#) Support speech

October 18th Peter Brennan Executive Director NECSEMA [letter](#)

[October 18th Maureen Buzby Regional Tobacco Prevention Program](#)

The BOH was not prepared to vote on this matter at the time of this meeting. BOH Chair Gourville thanked everyone for their letters and comments and advised people to continue to send comments and letters to the BOH for the next 30 days. Linehan motioned to close the public participation, seconded by Silva. Motion passed 3-0-0 by roll call vote

Health Directors Report: Anthony Chui updated the BOH on recent food establishment inspections. The Bamboo House meeting will be next week for the permit suspension hearing

Wakefield Americal Family Flu Clinic on October 14th was successful 133 people were vaccinated.

Melrose Family Flu Clinic October 17th was successful also 133 people vaccinated

ELS night is scheduled for November 9th at the Galvin Middles School

WakeUp continues to have some very successful events. The recovery event on September 25th on the common was well attended. Senator Jason Lewis and Rep Donald Wong were present. Gourville said the event was very emotional.

Vice Chair Silva spoke about her nursing student. The student wrote a reflection on the time spent in the Melrose Health department, praising Director Chui and PHN Melissa Lowry and how she saw first-hand that regionalization can work.

Adjournment: Silva motioned to adjourn, seconded by Linehan 20:02 p.m. Motion passed 3-0-0 by a roll call vote. The next meeting is October 26th, 2023 6:30 PM location TBA. The November meeting will be on the 15th at 6:30 Pm location TBA.

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo

<https://www.wakefield.ma.us/board-of-health/pages/meeting-videos>

