

MEETING MINUTES

March 15th, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Candace Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Melissa Lowry, Public Health Nurse Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Maureen Buzby, MVPH Tobacco Control Coordinator, Catherine Dhingra, Human services assistant director, Erin Carleo, Senior Environmental Health Specialist

Public Engagement: Towne News owner Anand Patel, Carousel Variety owner Mahbuba Ferdousi and Tiana Veldwisch, member of the Wakefield Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Approval of minutes of February 15th 2023: Gourville motions to accept minutes with one correction, seconded by Silva motion passed by roll call vote 3 o o.

Tiana Veldwisch introduced themselves to the BOH. Tiana is a member of ESC and would like to be added to the agenda for the April BOH meeting, as a member and we're seeking to improve recycling rates in Wakefield.

MVPH Tobacco Control coordinator Maureen Buzby gave an overview. On Sunday, March 5th Maureen completed a round of compliance checks in Wakefield. Two stores sold to the 18-year-old male youth buyer. The youth asked for disposable vape products. Carousel Variety, 436A Water Street: 1:49 PM CRAVE 2 for \$30.00 and Towne News, 231 North Avenue: 2:33 PM CRAVE 2 for \$45.00. The first offense fine is \$1000 and a 3-day suspension.

Towne News appeal of Violation: Ananda Patel owner said he has been in business for 18 years and this was his first mistake. He has no help working alone 12 hours a day, Anand requested not to be shut down for 3 days and willing to pay more of a fine. Chair Linehan asked Maureen if this was Towne News first offense, Maureen said yes first sale to minor offense. Maureen said in this situation he was only sited for the sale and not for the violation of allowing a youth buyer that was able to enter the store which he was allowed to do.

Carousel Variety appeal of violation: Mahbuba Ferdousi explained to the BOH, that they are new owners, the clerk on duty had a personal issue that had to leave in a hurry and the sale happened during a shift change. Mahbuba asked for one chance since they are a very new business.

The BOH discussed both establishments violations and fines and to enforce the \$1000 fine and 3-day suspension. Towne News Ananad Patel chooses to serve his suspension dates as Sunday, March 19th, Monday, March 20th, and Tuesday, March 21st. Carousel Variety will call the office tomorrow to give the dates that they will serve the 3-day suspension.

Discussion on Tobacco regulations: Anthony Chui the Health Director gave an overview. The current tobacco regulations were reviewed with the BOH, In our past meetings the BOH voted on a permit cap, retiring permits and proximity bans. Chui recommended one update to our tobacco regulations as reducing the sale of tobacco and reaching the goal of zero tobacco. Maureen said if retiring a tobacco permit altogether once a business is sold, you would want have public hearing.

Senior Environmental Health specialist Erin Carleo suggested for our current regulations all we need to do is add under section F.

4. No location that does not have a Tobacco Product Sales Permit at the time of the Public Hearing 10.17.2018 will be issued a Tobacco Product Sales Permit.

Gourville suggests we look at the regulations line by line and next meeting vote on final regulations. We have 2 options to consider **A. the permit retires the minute permit expires or option B. 60 day or 30 days to renew the permit.** Director Chui said we will have a public hearing at our April BOH meeting.

Fee schedule proposed changes: The BOH reviewed the fee schedule for the new changes. Silva motioned to accept the new fee schedule with the changes, seconded by Gourville. Motion passed 3-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Health Directors Report: Melissa Lowry PHN was present. Anthony spoke about all the events that Sandra Brown PT PHN and Melissa worked on in the last month, blood pressure screenings, heart-healthy month, monitoring maven cases and preparing for colon/Rectal (CDC) information promoting awareness on social media. Reviewing 2022 vaccination clinics and getting ready to order for next season.

WakeUp's next meeting is March 21st 7-minute clinic on Alcohol awareness.

Laurel Gourville relayed the message she received from Senator Lewis's office regarding the stimulant shortage. Senator Lewis's office doctor reported the shortage is only generic stimulant and not brand name stimulants.

Elaine Silva announced Anthony Chui has been invited to be a guest speaker at 25th MAPN Thursday, May 5th and he will be speaking on the importance of having a public health nurse.

Anthony announced Amy Chiaravalloti received the stop school violence grant. White ribbon event with MAAV was today with over 80 people in attendance.

Adjournment: Silva motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gourville 07:12 p.m. Motion passed 3-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Next meeting is April 19th 6 PM

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo