



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

William J. Lee Memorial Town Hall
1 Lafayette St, Wakefield, MA. 01880
Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Elaine Silva, Chair
Alison Mehlman, Vice Chair
Laurel Gourville, Secretary
Ruth L. Clay, Health Director

NOT PRESENT: none

----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

The Wakefield Board of Health held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 in the second floor meeting room of Wakefield Town Hall.

Call to Order

Chairperson Silva called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Mehlman moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018 as presented; seconded by Gourville. Motion passed 3- 0-0

Hearing Suspension of Tobacco Permit for Jackpot 602 Main St

Present was Sumesh Patel, owner of Jackpot 602 Main St Wakefield, Ma., Maureen Buzby, Wakefield's Tobacco Control Coordinator, and Tom Mullen, Town Counsel for Wakefield. On January 18th the store had four violations, first violation was selling to a minor \$100, second violation was \$200 for selling and \$300 displaying of flavored tobacco products and the fourth violation was \$300 for selling two-pack cigars at \$1.49 which is below the minimum price of \$5. The violations totaling \$900 and 30 day suspension of their Tobacco Permit. Maureen Buzby explains that she educates all new store owners of the Wakefield Board of Health Regulations Restricting the sale of Tobacco Products before they open. Mr. Patel explained that the clerk was working at a store in Lynnfield where the age is 18 and did not know that the age in Wakefield was 21 for purchasing tobacco products and that clerk also Mistakenly displayed the products on the counter. The Board of Health with recommendation from Tom Counsel voted to fine Mr. Patel a total of \$300 and suspend the Tobacco Permit for 30 days beginning at Midnight of February 4th and ending on March 4th. Maureen explained that all nicotine products and devices must be removed from the establishment during the suspension dates. Mehlman motions to approve the suspension and fine Gourville seconded the motion; motion passed 3.0.0.

**Hearing
Suspension of
Tobacco
Permit for
Artisan Vapors
18 Albion St**

Faizan Ahmed the owner of Artisan Vapor co at 18 Albion St, Wakefield was not available for the hearing suspension. Artisan Vapor has been notified by certified mail, they are facing a 7 day suspension and \$200 fine. On January 19th a Health Department staff member entered the established and was able to purchase a vape device with a 20 percent off coupon. The BOH regulations prohibits any store from accepting any discount coupon for any tobacco or nicotine delivery device. This is the second violation in 36 months. The hearing will be rescheduled for the next BOH meeting on February 20th.

FY20 Budget

The Health Department budget is level funded.

**Health
Directors
Report**

While doing the annual food establishment inspection, Clay found packages of cigarettes for sale in the candy vending machine. The Crystal Community club will be removing the cigarettes from the vending machine.

Clay will be working with the new communications coordinator to revamp the Health Department website.

Maureen Buzby, Catherine Dhingra, Jason Lewis and a youth from the WAKE UP youth action team will go to CADCA in February to present about youth led advocacy.

**Business
which has
arisen since
the posting of
the meeting**

none

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from November 2018
3. 1.22.19 Letter to Artisan Vapor
4. 1.18.19 Letter to Jackpot
5. FY2020 Budget
6. Public Health Nurse Report of December
7. Health Directors Report

Next meeting will be Wednesday February 20, 2019 @ 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 07:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo
Clerk



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