



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

William J. Lee Memorial Town Hall
1 Lafayette St, Wakefield, MA. 01880
Wednesday, February 20 , 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, February 20, 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

Gourville moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019 as presented; seconded by Mehlman. Motion passed 3- 0-0

Well Regulations Revisions

The Board of Health reviewed the draft private well regulations to be updated to match updated MassDEP model regulations. Clay would like to send a copy of the draft regulations to all private potable well homeowners. Silva asked if the Town engineer would be available to attend the Public hearing at the next meeting on March 20th in case anyone from the public had questions. Clay has already sent the draft regulations to the town engineer for comment.

Business which has arisen since the posting of the meeting

The Wakefield BOH voted unanimously to appoint Ruth Clay, Health Director, as the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Programs' Commissioner representing Wakefield. Mehlman motioned to approve the vote, seconded by Gourville the vote passed 3-0-0.

Health Director's Report

Alison Mehlman will be on the panel for the Human Rights March 5th.
Maureen Buzby will also represent Melrose on the panel.

MHOA has a workshop for safety in the workplace for women in April. Clay, Coral Hope and Jen Keough will attend.

Clay reported that the Melrose Board of Health plans to regulate CBD oil products.

Chickens are gone at 1017 Main St.

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

Present was Faizan Ahmed, owner of Artisan Vapor Co at 18 Albion St, Wakefield for the hearing suspension. Artisan Vapor has been notified by certified mail that they are facing a 7 day suspension and \$200 fine. On January 19th a Health Department staff member entered the establishment and purchased a vape device with a 20 percent off coupon. The BOH regulations prohibit any store from accepting any discount coupon for any tobacco or nicotine delivery device. This is the second violation in 36 months; the first violation \$100 was January for sale to a minor. Mr. Ahmed explained that in both violations he was not in the country and had 2 employees that had not been sufficiently trained. The company is also international; it regularly produces and distributes these coupons without the knowledge of the local store owners. He said that others stores in other states use coupons to move slow selling products. He asked if he can have sale items. Buzby said yes you can but not with a coupon. He told the BOH his store is not breaking even and he is not in a position to have any more loss. He offered to show the BOH his accounting showing his loss of \$1500 a month. Mehlman motions to close the public hearing seconded by Gourville motions passed 3-0-0. Mehlman moved to not issue the fine of \$200 or suspend the permit, seconded by Gourville, motion passed 3-0-0.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from January 30, 2019
3. 1.22.19 Letter to Artisan Vapor
4. Receipts from Artisan vapor purchase
5. Draft Well Regulations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 08:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo
Clerk

