



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

**William J. Lee Memorial Town Hall
1 Lafayette St, Wakefield, MA. 01880
Tuesday ,September 24 ,2019 7:15 PM**

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

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

The Wakefield Board of Health held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 in the second floor meeting room of Wakefield Town Hall.

Call to Order

Chairperson Mehlman called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Approval of Minutes

Silva motioned to approve minutes of May 29, 2019, seconded by Gourville. Motion passed 3-0- 0. Gourville motioned to approve the minutes of June 26th, 2019, seconded by Silva motion passes 3-0-0.

Presentation by Youth Action Team

Kara Showers, Wakefield's Youth Action Team Leader Coordinator, introduced Mitra Patel a senior at WVMHS and Youth Action Team Leader. Patel gave a PowerPoint presentation about the recent convenience store checks the Youth Action Team conducted on August 29th looking for drug paraphernalia, CBD edibles and flavored tobacco products. A member of the public asked if it illegal to sell CBD? Clay explained that the MA Dept of Public Health issued an advisory saying it is illegal to sell CBD edibles in food or drinks and that she is enforcing in this in both Wakefield and Melrose. A person from the public asked what the glass roses are that the YAT found in one of the stores; Clay explained that they are pipes for smoking crack.

Discussion about Alcohol Regulations

Town Administrator Steve Maio and Police Chief Skory introduced themselves to the board and members of the public, liquors store owners and members of the liquor store association that were present. Steve Maio addressed community concerns of some people that are hanging around the downtown benches and public inebriation. Maio told the BOH that Chelsea has enacted a ban on nips but in Wakefield, the liquor store owner met with the police and Town Administrator and came up with five action items they will voluntary implement. The board was given a handout of Wakefield Liquor Retail Stores Action Items. Chief Skory talked about the resources that Wakefield has to help the people that are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues, our new recovery coach and a mental health clinician. He noted, "we treat everyone as a human being". It was suggested handing out interface cards etc in the stores and/or printing out help information on the receipts. Wayne Campbell of Caporales explained that stores will have a list of the regulars that come into the stores . Skory asked about tracking this as there will be an employee shift change from an AM to PM. Campbell explained this is the reason for

the list. Store owners will communicate with each other and evaluate how they feel it is working. Maio explained this is the liquor stores policy as of October 1st.

**Health
Directors
Report**

- Owner of 8 Webster Ave who has chickens will have to move the coop by Friday October 4th or the chickens will have to be removed.
- Clay suggested that BOH to make updates to the fee schedule
- Review of discussion at last meeting clarifying the fee for non-profits.
- Clay plans to have draft revisions for the next meeting.

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

Governor Charlie Baker declared a Public Health Emergency today and ordered the suspension of the sale and display of all vaping products for four months. Notification will be e-mailed to all establishments tomorrow morning. All the stores will be visited on Thursday to ensure compliance.

Alison Mehlman, Chairperson of the Board of Health announced that she will be stepping down from the Board as of November 1st as she will be moving from Wakefield.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from June 29, 2019
3. Wakefield Retail Store Action Items
4. Health Directors Report July & August
5. Public Health Nurse August Report

Next meeting will be October 16th, 2019 @ 7 PM
Meeting adjourned at 08:23 PM.
Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo
Clerk

