



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

**William J. Lee Memorial Town Hall
1 Lafayette St, Wakefield, MA. 01880
Thursday, October 17, 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 Thursday, October 17th, 2019 in the first floor meeting room of Wakefield Town Hall.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Gourville motioned to approve minutes of September 24th with one change, seconded by Silva. Motion passed 3-0-0

Statewide mosquito Control

The Bedford Board of Health has sent a letter asking all local boards of health to write to their state legislators encouraging all communities to be part of a mosquito control program. Melrose agreed to this at their BOH meeting Tuesday. The Board agreed to send a letter supporting this.

Discussion about Animal Regulations

A copy of the draft animal regulations for Wakefield was reviewed by the BOH. Clay noted that the current animal regulations have no statement of purpose or definitions. Clay has looked at Somerville, Reading, and Watertown's current Animal regulations. Mehlman suggested we rescind the current draft animal regulations and replace rather than amend the current regulations as there are so many changes. Some changes discussed in the proposed new regulations are the pig permits now allowing 3 pigs and will change to 2. Another change is that you must live at the residence that has the permit. Fees for animals will also change. The BOH will have another discussion at the November meeting and the Public Hearing will be in January.

Business which has arisen since the posting of the meeting

Bodywork support letter S168, An Act regulating bodyworks. Chief Smith and Ruth Clay have been attending Middlesex County DA's Task Force on Massage. Senator Monigny has a bill that will be heard that would include bodywork to be regulated by the state Board of Registration. The Hearing will be held on October 28th. The Board agreed to send a letter of support with the caveat that there be no local pre-emption.

**Health
Directors
Report**

- Written report was sent in advance.
- Wakefield now has 23 tobacco permits down from 29.
- Vaping ban: BOH will have the ability to ban vaping and have their own regulations at the end of the four month ban. More communities are banning all flavors, including mint and menthol. Some communities are being sued. Clay asked the BOH if they want to move forward with a flavor ban in Wakefield. Silva suggested to wait and see what happens with the lawsuits. If the state passes this legislation we are covered.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from September 24th, 2019
3. Draft Animals Regulations
4. Statewide Mosquito Control letter
5. S168 act regulating bodyworks letter
6. Health Directors Report

Next meeting will be November 20th, 2019 @ 7 PM
Meeting adjourned at 08:23 PM.
Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo
Clerk

