

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TOBACCO 21 INITIATIVE
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Shepley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Shepley, Vice-Chairman Peter Hoyt, Member Allen Mendel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires), Bret Beattie (Northern Berkshire Community Coalition)

The meeting was called to order and members of the Board of Health introduced. The date of publication for the public hearing in the Berkshire Eagle, October 11, 2016, was stated. The MGL regulation giving Boards of Health's authority was quoted. The changes being proposed, raising the age to 21 from age 18 was stated. Identification/definition of Tobacco Products (Section C of draft proposal) was read aloud. The new section on Tobacco Sales Certification Training (Sections C and Q of draft proposal) was read aloud. The new classification of Minimum Tobacco Sales Permits Setbacks (Section F of draft proposal) was read aloud. The new classification of Cigars Sales Regulated (Section G of draft proposal) was read aloud. The new sections of Violations pertaining to the Tobacco Sales Clerk and Violations pertaining to the Permit Holder and/or his or her Business Agent (Sections S & T) were read aloud.

A typographical error in Section "S". Sales pertaining to the Tobacco Sales Clerk (b). "Tobacco Sales Clerk, a fine of fifty dollars (\$500.00)" was corrected to read "Tobacco Sales Clerk, a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00)"

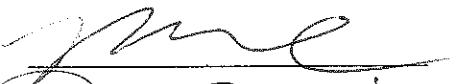
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

As there was no opposition, a motion was made by Chairman Shepley to accept the new tobacco sales age requirement guidelines. This was seconded by Member Mendel. There was no discussion. In a unanimous vote of 3 to 0 the proposal was accepted. An implementation date of February 1, 2017 was agreed upon.

ADJOURN: A motion made by Member Mendel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 2 Nov 2016


Bruce Dale Shepley
Allen Mendel