



BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH
155 VILLAGE STREET
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS 02053

Stephanie Bacon
Health Agent

Monday June 10, 2013
6:30 pm
76 Oakland St.
Medway, MA 02053

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Members Present: Chairman Michael Heavey, Members, Jack Mill and Jordan Warnick,

Health Agent Stephanie Bacon was also present.

The Chairman opened the Board of Health meeting at 6:30 pm.

Solid Waste Haulers Regulations:

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the Solid Waste /Independent hauler regulations.

The public hearing notice was read into the record.

It was indicated that these regulations were last adopted on January 3, 2003.

It is now mandatory that residential, businesses and commercial residents must recycle.

The health agent reviewed the proposed revisions. She further communicated that the purpose of revising the current regulations are to meet the State requirements.

The Town wants to offer a single price to residents.

In regards to the trash regulations, the Board of Health will take update the regulations and the Department of Public Service will take care of the hauling and enforcing of the regulations.

The Health Agent is recommending that the application fee be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00.

The title of the document was changed to solid waste. Number 14 of these regulations was omitted. The wording Board of Health was changed to Department of Public Services in the noted sections. The section regarding the senior center discount will be omitted since the Department of Public Service offers another program for seniors.

If there is an appeal, this will go to the Department of Public Service and not the Board of Health. Any abatement will be handled through the DPS.

There will be not hauling of construction material.

There were no questions from the public about the proposed changes in the regulations.

The Chairman would like to keep the hearing opened for 30 minutes. The Board will finish with other housekeeping items.

Member Mill wanted to know what the progress on the single stream pick-up.

Tom Holder responded that they are looking into getting a grant for this. He is in the process of outlining a proposal.

The Chairman indicated that the Town of Franklin did research on this and they did not find that this saved money.

Tom Holder responded that he is looking to do this through the hauler. This would be covered through the length of the contract. We get a credit back on the paper, but there needs to be someone there to separate the products out. Some towns are now going to automated sorting.

Tom will have further follow-up in the next month.

Permits Signed:

The Board of Health signed the following permits.

*Juniper Farms

*Farmer's Market permit

The Health Agent Update:

The Community Septic Betterment will be offered for 2%.

The sharps kiosks are totally full. The health agent is working to get someone out there immediately.

The public health coordinator is trying to start a before school program k-8. This is basically a free program which will run 45 minutes before school. The sponsor of this program is Reebox. The children will do various activities, and games. The goal is to boost their activity level. There has been a study that kids who are active are happier and ready for the school day. The program will need parent assistance. There was a survey and three parents said that they might want to be box trained. Stephanie spoke with the principals and they were very interested. There will be another follow-up meeting.

Stephanie had a wellness meeting with faculty and a psychologist at the schools. There will be work on new and updated goals.

Minutes:

The minutes from the May meeting will be tabled until the next meeting.

Tobacco Regulation Hearing:

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the tobacco regulations at 7:00 pm.

The hearing will examine raising the age of purchasing tobacco products to the age of 21 and also banning the purchase of these products in pharmacies.

The health agent introduced the board.

The first presenter was Dr. Lester Hartman from Westfield Mansfield Pediatrics. He has done years of research on the effect of tobacco on the brain of children under the age of 21.

Dr. Hartman began his presentation with showing how products are marketed to children.

Exhibits A through E were presented.

The Town of Needham was referenced. The research has shown that there was a 48% reduction in minor usage when this regulation was instituted. When you take the distributors out of the picture, the usage numbers decrease. For banning in convenience stores, the owners will only lose 2% revenue.

The Town of Needham is now working on banning flavored products and e cigarette. This is still addictive. It is not that much safer. There is no data on this.

Dr. Hartman referenced other communities who have instituted these regulations.

The Town of Walpole has put a regulation in place for 19 year olds and the Town of Arlington will go to 21 next year.

Dr. Hartman showed a Power Point presentation. The statistics show that 1/3 of kids go to convenient store 2 to 3 times a week. He indicated that one of his projects was helping to move the smokers sitting area away from the entrance of Children's Hospital. It is now 50 ft. away from the entrance.

There was a resident that communicated that if this goes through, then kids will just drive to another town to purchase the cigarettes.

Dr. Hartman noted that that is not true.

His goal is to get the State to ban all tobacco products until the age of 21.

A chart was shown with the towns which implemented this regulation.

The convenience factor to acquire easily would be eliminated.

DJ Wilson was the next presenter. He indicated that there were compliance checks with inspectors. These inspectors follow the same protocol as the state regulators. Retailers will be informed how to comply.

The Board of Health would like to have the voice of the Medway residents heard by putting this on as a ballot question.

Dr. Warnick noted that adolescent minds are more susceptible to any drugs. The Board of Health is elected to protect the public health and he would favor a decision to support this. He further explains that we can try to put it through and let it get challenged. The end result of all of this is that nicotine is addictive and causes cancer.

Closing of the Hearings:

On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of health voted unanimously to close the public hearings for the solid waste regulations and also the tobacco regulations.

On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of health voted unanimously to adopt and endorse the Solid Waste regulations.

Tobacco Regulations:

The Board would like to discuss this further. The Board would like to table this and discuss it at another meeting.

The health agent indicated that if this goes to a ballot question there will need to be a lot of education.

On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of health voted unanimously to table this until a future meeting.

Future Meeting Date:

The future meeting will be June 24, 2013 Senior Center at 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary