



**Town Of Medway
Board of Health**
155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

**June 9, 2014
Medway Board of Health
16 High Street
Medway Public Library
First Floor Conference Room
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT: Mike Heavey, Jordan Warnick, and Jack Mill

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bacon-Health Agent

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes Acceptance:

May 19, 2014:

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from May 19, 2014 with revisions.

Head Injury and Concussions Rules & Regulations:

The board is in receipt of the revised regulations for the head injury and concussions dated June 9, 2014. This includes revisions from member Warnick and Town Counsel. The revisions included language regarding schools, but it was indicated that State law already covers this. The board also discussed that the main reason for this regulation is to bring into compliance the town sporting that take place on weekends on school grounds.

The Health Agent did communicate that she has spoken to DPS Director, Tom Holder and he is in support of the regulations. The DPW is responsible for issuing the permits to the youth groups, and the Board of Health will need to sign off on those permits. It was recommended that we speak with the Superintendent of Schools early in the process, since the coaches for the school will need to comply with the regulations.

The enforcement of these regulations was discussed. It was recommended by Town Counsel to have this be enforced through the non-disposition versus criminal disposition. There would be a fine schedule for the offenses. There was language added which references that “if any youth organization fails to submit evidence of the concussion training for all coaches under its control within 21 days prior to play.... Subject to the following fines. A chart with fines was included. Another section added was entitled return to play protocols, medical releases with a fine chart.

Public Hearing Vote :

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board voted unanimously to hold the public hearing for the head trauma regulations on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm. at the senior center.

Tobacco Regulations:

The board was provided with the most recent copy of the regulations. Comments were also provided by Member Warnick.

The Town of Medway did have residents vote on May 20th on the ballot as to whether the age to purchase tobacco should be changed from 18 to 21. The results are noted below:

Votes:

479: in favor
252: not in favor
166: Blank

The Board of Health felt it was important to listen to the voters when making a decision such as this.

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and Jordan Warnick, the Board voted to incorporate changes to the regulations by changing the age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Heavey: yes
Jordan Warnick: yes
Jack Mill: no

Vote passes 2 to 1.

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board voted unanimously to hold the public hearing for the tobacco regulations on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm. (the location of the hearing will be determined)

Resident Donald Hovey, 1 Cassidy Lane:

This resident came to the meeting to ask how the medical marijuana regulations will be incorporating into the tobacco regulations. He communicated that residents who are provided with a medical marijuana permit for use should only be allowed to use this in their private homes. People have a permit and live in apartments should not be allowed to smoke there, since the fumes travel. Another one of his concerns is that someone may be able to pull out their permit to smoke at a school athletic event. He wants to see this issue addressed.

The Board of Health suggested that these questions can be forwarded to town counsel. There are strict rules about where people are able to smoke and school grounds are not one of these locations.

The Health Agent will also ask the tobacco educator these concerns.

Upcoming Tasks:

The Board of Health as a goal would like to further revise the animal regulations.

Permits:

- J. Hockman, Disposal Workers Installers License, Norfolk MA.
- Paul Water Works, Well Pump Application, 19 Maple Street.
- One Cup of Coffee, Mobile Food Permit, 9 Cottage Street.
- Thayer Homestead, Food Permit, 2 B Oak Street.
- 2014 Farm Animal, 116 Summer Street, Permit for 12 cows.
- 2014 Tobacco Permit, Aoube Gas & Repair Services “Energy Gas”, 73 Main St.

Future Meetings:

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Jack Mill, and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of Health voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Meeting Recorder