



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Glenn French

Dilip Jain

Deirdre O'Connor

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town Offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes as amended, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6:20 PM - Review of Tobacco Rules & Regulations

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed altering the legal age to purchase tobacco products in the Town of Northborough. The concern is that a high percentage of all smokers begin the habit before they turn 21 as the young brain is more susceptible to nicotine addiction. The Board of Health had a lengthy conversation surrounding the language specific to raising the legal purchase age to 21 and instituting a flavor ban.

After a very long discussion the Board decided not to move forward with a flavor ban proposal at this time.

Additionally, the Board discussed the definition of healthcare institution.

Glenn French requested additional statistics to review at the next BOH meeting surrounding data which supports raising the minimum purchase age to 21 years of age. The Board of Health will review this data and discuss again at the next regularly scheduled BOH meeting in December and tentatively schedule a public hearing for January 2015.

Given the length of time dedicated to the review of proposed tobacco regulations the Board opted to pass over the general discussion of the 2009 Food Code.

The Board discussed Legislative Priorities that the Town may be interested in considering including in the 2015 Legislative Priorities letter. Ms. Terry requested the Board review last years' letter and provide any recommendations to her for inclusion in the upcoming letter.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that she has received numerous complaints from three different residential property owners on Green Street regarding a compost site that is registered to the Davidians. Ms. Terry has been responsive to the neighbor complaints and has not to date witnessed any odors upon site visits to the neighboring properties. Ms. Terry has been in contact with the State agencies (both DEP and DAR).

Ms. Terry informed the Board that she is in regular contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the Ebola Virus.

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Terry