

**CITY OF SALEM  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES**

*July 10, 2012*

**DRAFT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barbara Poremba, Chairperson, ,Gayle Sullivan, Robert Dionne & Dr. Larissa Lucas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Ramdin Health Agent, Justina Polvere, Public Health Nurse

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Martin Fair, Councilor Liaison Thomas Furey

**TOPIC**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**1. Call to Order**

7:06pm

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

(June 190, 2012)

Dr. Lucas motioned to approve G. Sullivan 2nd approved unanimously

**3. Chairperson Announcements**

Save the day. There will be a retreat for all BOH members and staff on Saturday September 22, 2012, location TBA.

**A. Health Agent Report**

Larry Ramdin will be training along with his inspectors to follow FDA standardized program for food establishment inspections. Dogs as of now will not be allowed in food establishments and patios unless they are a service dog. A letter to be sent to all establishments about the dog/animal enforcement.

**B. Public Health Nurse Report**

Accepted into the Record

**C. Administrative Report**

Accepted into the Record

**D. City Council Liaison Updates**

None Presented

**R. Dionne motioned to except the reports Dr. Lucas 2nd approved unanimously**

**5. Public Hearing –**

**Regulations #22 Tobacco and Nicotine sales**

Dr. Poremba, Chairperson, announced the opening of the public hearing and advised the audience to allow everyone to speak without interruption. A 3 minute limit was given to comment about the proposed regulations and Joyce Redford and DJ Wilson will be available to advise the board and address questions the Board and the audience may have at the end of the comment section of the hearing.

**Dildar Hussain** - Globe Gas Station 200 Canal Street -Opposed banning of single sales of cigars under \$2.50

**Derek Arnold**, Witch Dr.109 Lafayette Street – Opposed banning blunt wraps

**Guenevere Blanchard** –Ben & Jerry’s 60 Washington St– Asked if the Board can look into ban smoking within 20 feet of food Establishments.

**Mike Allen** - Red Lion Smoke Shop –Asked if adding a lock out devise to his cigar room would put him in compliance with these new regulations. – In favor

**Dianne Night** - Director of North East tobacco free community partnership, 1 Canal St Lawrence MA- In favor

**Steve Ryan**, Stoughton MA New England Convenience Store Association -Opposed 2 parts of proposed regulation –The banning of single sales of cigars under \$2.50 & the cap on Tobacco Sales Permits allowed in the city. Both parts of the regulation are putting restrictions on small businesses in Salem thus making it harder for them to thrive in this economy.

**Joyce Redford** – Director of the North Shore Cape Ann Tobacco Collaborative will address the concerns about the regulations so far. The reason for banning the sale of single cigars under \$2.50 is not to encourage additional smoking but to detour young people from smoking. There were recently 3 cases of single sales of Black and Mild’s to minors in Salem. Some of these individual cigars are between .59 & .75 cents and also geared towards our youth. The cap on tobacco permits is a public health issue when you have an inordinate amount of outlets and accessibility where these products can be sold. Also a ban at pharmacy would increase sales for local businesses.

**DJ Wilson** - MA Municipal Association –Explained to the Board that a city wide buffer zone is hard to enforce. Danvers has a buffer zone of no smoking within 15-20 feet of a building and it’s not being enforced because you have to chase down individuals and by the time the inspectors get there, they are gone. Joyce Redford can provide information for establishments including signage. In regards to the single sales of cigars; Boston has banned single sales of cigars and mini packs under \$2.50 and it’s working there since February 2012. Blunt wraps are an issue because they are sold for \$1 or less and are geared towards children. “Roll your own” machines will no longer be an issue because the federal government is passing a bill that includes a ban the use of these machines unless you’re a manufacturer. Just the clarify the capping issue; the successor of the establishment will get the tobacco permit.

**Mike Lash** – 28 Balcomb St. Mike's Museum LLC – Asked the Board to give everyone a fair amount of time to comment on the proposed regulation.

**PC Nicolas** - Witch Doctor - 109 Lafayette St - Opposed on banning blunt wraps

Closed 7:45pm

## 6. Miscellaneous

A Special Meeting will be held July 24, 2012 to vote on the Tobacco Regulations

**7. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul  
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 11, 2012 at 7pm  
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, Room 311 Salem.*