

**CITY OF SALEM
BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Poremba, Chair, Dr. Shama Alam Dr. Danielle Ledoux, Gayle Sullivan & Paul Kirby

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Ramdin Health Agent

TOPIC

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Call to Order

7:03pm

2. Vote to reaffirm action taken at meeting of August 7, 2014 to increase sale of Tobacco age from 18 to 21

Dr. Poremba indicated “ questions were raised after the Board’s vote on the Tobacco 21 Regulations regarding Board members not being accurately informed as to the right to abstain from voting. I want to let Board members as well as the members of the public know that any member may abstain from voting on any issue. With that in mind, do I have a motion to reaffirm the action taken at the meeting of August 7, 2014 to increase the age of individuals to whom tobacco may be sold from 18 to 21?”

G Sullivan motioned to reaffirm the vote on August 7, 2014 to increase the age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 in the city of Salem Dr. Alam 2nd

Brief discussion over reaffirming the vote and whether one had to vote the same way as they had previously or can change their vote. Members were advised that it is a new vote and they can vote any way they wish.

Roll Call:

Gayle Sullivan - Yes

Dr. Shama Alam - Abstain

Dr. Danielle Ledoux - Yes

Paul Kirby - No

Dr. Barbara Poremba - Yes

Motion carries 3-2

3. Respond to Open meeting law complaint filed by Jennifer Lynch

Dr. Poremba the Chair said ”Our other order of business tonight is a review of the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Ms. Jennifer Lynch. While the Solicitor’s office has informed us that the complaint does not make out any violations of the law, we do want to make sure that our process is as open as possible and avoid any miscommunication. In this regard, we will be allowing for additional discussion and comment with regard to the backyard poultry keeping draft regulations prior to any action taken by the Board.

We also have to notify the complainant of our action with regard to the complaint. The Solicitor’s office has prepared a letter for the Board’s signature that will be sent to the complainant and to the Attorney General’s Office. Do I have a motion to adopt this letter as the response of the Board to the Open Meeting Law Complaint of Jennifer Lynch filed on September 15, 2014?”

Dr. Alam motioned to adopt the letter as a response from the Board to the Open Meeting Law complaint of Jennifer Lynch.

P Kirby 2nd. Unanimously approved

4. New Business

No New Business

P Kirby motioned to adjourn the meeting. G Sullivan 2nd Unanimously approved

Adjourned 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 14, 2014 at 7pm
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, Room 311 Salem.*