

MINUTES – BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: November 16, 2015

Place: Town Office Building

Present: Caitlyn Rock, Kristy Paciorek, Ken Kushi

Absent: Stephen Ball-Health Agent; Dave Zarozinski & Debbie Palmer: Hillside Environmental

Others present: Mary Kersell, Ken Farbstein, Melinda Calianos, Michelle Komosa, Saquib Tasneem, Steve Schechterly

- 6:03PM– Meeting called to order.
- Motion Mr. Kushi to open TOBACCO REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING, 2nd Ms. Paciorek, Vote 3-0.
 - There are two (2) business owners present at the hearing. Owners acknowledge received proposed changes:
 - 1) Sales age increase to 21 years
 - 2) Eliminates sales of flavored tobacco products
 - 3) No sales within 500ft of a school
 - 4) Definition changed to include all combustible products including e-cigarettes
 - 5) Board of Health can revoke permit if egregious violations
 - Owners expressed concern about changing the age to 21 years. Second concern was eliminating flavored tobacco products. Last concern was the Board's ability to revoke a permit.
 - Ms. Rock, Board of Health Chair addressed the legal right to protect the youth/young adults of our community.
 - Sunderland Market owner expressed economic concerns because of the proposed changes.
 - The Chair acknowledges letters of support for consideration received from the following: Dr. Ilina Schmitt from UMASS and Sunderland Resident; Town of Shelburne Board of Health; Town of Whately Board of Health; Franklin County Regional Council/Partnership for Youth; Tobacco Free Mass organization; Mas Rangel-former U.S. Marine Sgt. and Columbia University student; HRCOG; American Heart Association; Dr. Ruth Potee of the Town of Greenfield.
 - Motion Mr. Kushi to close HEARING, Ms. Paciorek 2nd, Vote 3-0.
 - Ms. Paciorek Motion to accept draft regulations dated October 2015 as to supersede the previous regulations. Date of effect for regulations is January 4, 2016, Mr. Kushi 2nd, Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hillside Environmental and Health Agent not present at meeting – updates to be provided.
- HILLSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE: HEALTH AGENT UPDATE:
- Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for December 14, 2015
- Mr. Kushi Motion to adjourn, Ms. Paciorek 2nd, adjourn at 7:30 PM, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristy Paciorek
Recording Secretary