

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., by Chairman, Richard Robinson. Also in attendance were; Member, Richard Desjardins; Member, Al Holman; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Motion one** – Al made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting dated 8/13/15. Richard D. seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Minutes were accepted.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Board discussed the article for a replacement vehicle for the ACO, requesting \$15,000. Al asked why we are capping the figure at 15,000.00. We should purchase a new vehicle instead of a used one that will require maintenance. Richard R. did not agree that we should ask for more money. After much discussion, Richard D., suggested we increase the article to 20,000.00 which should open up more vehicles.

**Motion two** - Richard D. made a motion to approve of submitting an article to purchase a ACO vehicle for up to \$20,000.00. Al seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Article was approved for submittal.

Tobacco permits were reviewed for; Honey Farms-Main Street, Colonial Liquors-Milford Street, Liquor Plus-Main Street, Country Club Sooper-Main Street, and Upton Getty-Main Street.

**Motion three** - Richard D. made a motion to approve of the tobacco permits. Al seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Permits were approved.

Board discussed again the topic of raising the age requirement to purchase tobacco in Upton. The town of Mendon just approved an increase in age. Richard D. agrees that smoking tobacco is a health problem, that's why he stopped. However, if we can send them over to fight at age 18, they should have the right to buy tobacco at 18 if they choose to. Richard R. stated that at the age of 18 they should be capable of making their own decisions. Board did not feel a change of age was warranted at this time. At the age of 18, you're considered an adult and are responsible for yourself.

Board discussed the latest issues with the housing complaints, specifically 14N. Main Street. Diane stated she should have a search warrant this week and is scheduling an inspection of the abandoned property on Thursday, 9/17. Along with Trish and Diane, the building inspector, fire dept., and police dept., will be present. Richard D. and Richard R. stated they would be able to attend as well.

Diane stated that the hearing for the dogs at 35 B Pleasant Street, Maryann Lasalla, was held with the Selectmen's office and the Selectmen voted that there can be no more than 4 dogs allowed on the property. The remainder of the dogs must be removed by 10/6/15. Mike is visiting Maryann to assure that she complies with the order.

Diane asked if any of the Board members could complete an inspection for a complaint she received for 154 W. River Street . The neighbor was complaining that the owner of 154 W. River Street is building a large pit and burying furniture and other items. Richard D. and Richard R. stated they could make an inspection on Tuesday 9/15. .

**Motion four** – Richard D. made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Richard R. made the motion unanimous.

7:44 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan,

Asst. Public Health Supervisor