

Winthrop Board of Health

January 19, 2012

Meeting held in the Emergency Operating Center

Convened at 6:10 PM .

Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attending:

James L. Little, Chairman

Laura Lopez, Clerk

Eric Moore , Director of Winthrop Public Health

Jeanne Maggio, Medical Reserve Corps. Coordinator

Minutes of December 29 , 2011 were accepted as read.

Motion to approve minutes by Laura Lopez and seconded by James Little

Motion passed to approve minutes of December 29, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on Hookah Smoking. Correspondence from Pat Milano, CASA Coalition Coordinator reports the topic of Hookah Smoking at the Kasbah Restaurant was discussed at a recent meeting. The owner of the Kasbah Restaurant Nasser Belghiti and his attorney Joseph Boncore appeared as requested by the Board at its last meeting. The restaurant has been in operation for seven years without any complaints filed. It was noted that at present the state license has not been applied for as Mr. Belghiti was not the owner of the building. Mr. Belghiti has recently purchased the property and is in the process of renovating the building which includes the Hookah smoking area to be a separate entity from the restaurant. At present the smoking area is not in the area where food is served. The current smoking regulations in the Town of Winthrop currently refer to tobacco products.

It does not have regulations against Hookah smoking. During Public Comment Mr. Eric Gaynor, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the restaurant citing business draws out of town customers, citing that there are many Hookah bars in the state. Jeanne Maggio, MRC coordinator spoke in favor of the restaurant citing that it has been in business for seven years without any complaints.

ATION: Motion by Laura Lopez to grant the owner one year to complete renovations and to come in compliance with state regulations and obtain proper permits. Seconded by James Little.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Board of Health Fees. Proposal to delete Body Piercing License and Body Piercing Establishment and add Body Art Practitioner License and Body Art Establishment permit. The fee for the Body Art Practitioner license proposed is six-hundred dollars every two years. The fee for the Body Art Establishment proposed is three-hundred dollars per year.

A new fee is proposed the Tobacco Sales Permit to be obtained from the Board of Health with the fee to be two-hundred dollars annually.

ACTION: Motion by Laura Lopez to delete Body Piercing License and Body Piercing Establishment and add Body Art Establishment and Body Art Practitioner to the fee schedule with Body Art Establishment at three-hundred dollars per year and Body art Practitioner License is six-hundred dollars every two years. Seconded by James Little. Motion passed for this recommendation to be sent to the Town Council for approval.

Motion by Laura Lopez and seconded by James Little to add new fee Tobacco Sales Permit to the Board of Health fee schedule with a fee of two-hundred dollars. This recommendation is to be sent to the Town Council for approval. Motion passed.

Directors Report:

1. Community Health Forum the second in the series to be held at the E.B. Newton February 2, 2012 from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM.
2. Nuisance complaints still coming in to the board office. The majority of the complaints have been resolved.
3. Restaurant Inspection progress report completed.
4. Letter received in Board Office re: status of Logan Airport Health Study.

ACTION: Informational.

Public Health Nurse Report: Ro Sarro, RN unable to attend this meeting.

ACTION: Informational.

MRC Report: On January 19, ten members of the MRC attended a day long program on Shelter Training in Boston. Program sponsored by Department of Homeland Security Information from the program will be shared with the MRC.

Jeanne reports attending a meeting on Hoarding which presented many problems of how to care for the hoarder and their environment.

ACTION: Informational.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM by Laura Lopez and seconded by James Little. Motion to adjourn passed.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2012 at 6 PM in the Emergency Operating Center.

All documents used at this meeting are available on request at the BOH office.