

MINUTES

WINTHROP BOARD of HEALTH MEETING

E.B. NEWTON SCHOOL, LYCEUM ROOM

45 PAULINE STREET, WINTHROP, MA 02152

JANUARY 14, 2020 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair: Bill Schmidt; Vice-Chair: Astrid Weins;
Member: Susan Maguire.

TOWN of WINTHROP: Meredith Hurley, Director Public Health and Clinical Services

INVITED GUEST: Bonny Carroll, Director, Six City Tobacco Initiative

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schmidt called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

ELECTION of BOARD MEMBERS for CY 2020: S. Maguire motioned to maintain B. Schmidt as Chair, A. Weins, seconded motion, all in favor. Schmidt motioned to maintain A. Weins as Vice Chair, seconded by S. Maguire, all in favor. Chair Schmidt motioned to maintain S. Maguire as Member, seconded by A. Weins, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW of MINUTES: Chair Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019, Board of Health meeting, seconded by A. Weins.

ROUNDUP HERBICIDE: Chair Schmidt submitted a draft of correspondence to be sent to the two hardware stores in town alerting them to the alleged risks for developing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma associated with its use. Action steps: Board members to send comments to Chair Schmidt. Chair will send correspondence to

retailers. Educate consumers re: associated risks via social media. Document reviewed: draft of correspondence by Chair Schmidt.

iCHNA REPORT of 2019 SURVEY RESULTS: Board is interested in disseminating the results of the 2019 iCHNA Survey for Winthrop (see page 84 of the iCHNA Report). Awaiting suggestions from Town Manager staff, Board members and Ms. Hurley came up with the following suggestions: Presentation by J. Stone and/or D. Marable of findings to Town Council, School Committee, PTOs, Senior Center; Post on social media; present at an evening Town Library meeting. Action Steps: Send list of suggestions to Manager Faison and coordinate efforts with the release of the Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP). Document referenced: Winthrop iCHNA 2019 Survey Results.

ICHNA AIRPORT NOISE: A. Weins has provided J. Stone with a contact name regarding HEPA air filters.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG REGULATION: Board members signed the Town of Winthrop Regulation for Reduction in Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags which was approved unanimously by the Board on October 8, 2019, effective as of May 1, 2020.

WCAT taping scheduled for 2/5/2020.

TECHNICAL CHANGES TO SECTION FIVE of PUBLIC SMOKING REGULATION (enforcement section): Chair Schmidt presented proposed changes. Chair motioned to accept the changes, seconded by S. Maguire, decision unanimous. Action steps: Chair Schmidt will note date of technical changes and prepare the document for Board signatures at February 2020 meeting. Document reviewed: draft of regulation by Chair Schmidt.

NO PUBLIC SMOKING SIGNAGE: B. Carroll announced that she has obtained another ten signs, totaling twenty signs for installation throughout Winthrop. The

signs also include e-cigarette images. Action Steps: B. Carroll will deliver the signs to Inspectional Services and Chair Schmidt will email A. Faison and Steve Calla re: placement of the signs.

NEW STATE TOBACCO LAW: Bonny Carroll explained the new state law which bans the sale of menthol and mint tobacco products, and taxes sale of e-cigarettes. Main issue is the increased fines for sale to minors to \$1,000 (first offense), \$2,000 (second offense), and \$3,000 (third offense). Retailers will receive notification this week. Action steps: B. Carroll will send the Board a copy of the correspondence to be sent to retailers. In March 2020, the Board will review the current Winthrop Tobacco Sale Regulation to determine if changes to the regulation are necessary to comply with the new state law changes, effective June 1, 2020. Documents referenced: Draft of documents created by Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) to be issued to retailers on behalf of the Commonwealth.

REVIEW of UPDATED TOWN WEBSITE: Postponed to February 2020 meeting due to time constraints.

REVIEW of FY 2020 WORKPLAN: Postponed to February 2020 meeting due to time constraints.

TOWN GROUP EMAIL for BOARD of HEALTH: Postponed to February 2020 meeting due to time constraints.

COMMISSIONER of INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UPDATE (ISD): absent

DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLINICAL SERVICES UPDATE (Meredith Hurley):

- Five cases flu reported this past week
- Clear program has compiled data for the past year
- Mental health consultant hours' increased

- DPH has appointed a 28 person public health advisory committee to standardize accreditation credentialing
- Budget has been submitted to Town CFO

MRC UPDATE: Status report submitted on January 10, 2020, via email by Jeanne Maggio, MRC Coordinator.

MASSPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS AND PLANNING REPORT (ESPR):

Comments due by January 23, 2020.

BODY ART REGULATION: Board members continued its review of the second draft of the regulation prepared by S. Maguire. Document referenced: Table prepared by S. Maguire summarizing apprenticeship and training requirements from different communities and accreditation boards to inform Winthrop's regulation regarding minimum training requirements. Action steps: S. Maguire to edit the draft for final review at the February 2020 meeting.

YEAR in REVIEW: S. Maguire facilitated a 'lessons learned' discussion of the Board's work in 2019, noting 'What went well' and "Opportunities for Improvement" to inform the Board's performance going forward.

What Went Well: (Bullet format)

- Composition of Board Members by degrees held: Chair: B.A., M.P.A., M.A.; Vice-Chair: M.D., Ph.D.; Member: RN.
- Implemented a three- hour meeting time limit.
- Passed new Tobacco Sales Regulations restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products.
- Passed regulations prohibiting the use of single-use plastic bags.
- Held WCAT presentations to educate the community on relevant topics/regulations.
- Increased participation with the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee.

- Board Members assigned Town of Winthrop email addresses.

Opportunities for Improvement:

- Start meetings on time, and allot advance time to set-up conference room.
- Board members to complete tasks (action items) in a more timely fashion.
- Improve attendance by Town of Winthrop staff, i.e., Public Health, ISD, and MRC; In the absence of Town employee attendance, have employees submit a monthly status report.
- Schedule Town employee updates early on agenda.
- Improve communications with Town officials, i.e., inform, seek input, share Board of Health Workplan more widely.
- Increase more Town employee participation in the iCHNA Collaborative.
- Recommend that a Town Council Member be a member of WAPNAHC.
- Review the BoH FY 20 Workplan and identify/prioritize what is doable.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS for FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING:

- Past business:
59 Cottage
- Technical change to Winthrop Smoking in Workplace/Public Places Regulation
- Budget
- Airport ESPR
- Body Art Regulation
- BoH Group Town Website
- FY 2020 Workplan

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Schmidt motioned to adjourn at 9:50 pm, seconded by S. Maguire, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Maguire