

MINUTES

WINTHROP BOARD of HEALTH MEETING

E.B. NEWTON SCHOOL, LYCEUM ROOM

45 PAULINE STREET, WINTHROP, MA 02152

February 13, 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
accompanied by Paula Rogers, DMH Nursing Student

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schmidt called the Board of Health meeting to order at
6:14 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

59 COTTAGE: Report from inspection done in April, 2019 still pending. Chair
Schmidt to meet with Commissioner Legee on Tuesday, 2/18/2020.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG REGULATION: Discuss at the March 2020 Board of
Health meeting. the outstanding tasks to be completed before the regulation
effective date of May 1, 2020.

TECHNICAL CHANGES TO SECTION FIVE of PUBLIC PLACE SMOKING

REGULATION (enforcement section): Board members signed the revised regulation prepared by Chair Schmidt. The revision amended the fine amounts for violations and now correlates with M.G.L. Chapter 270 Section 22 m (2). Action steps: Legal Notice will be posted in the Winthrop Transcript next week (2/20/2020). Document reviewed: revised regulation drafted by Chair Schmidt.

TOBACCO:

- Per Bonny Carroll, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey has filed a lawsuit against Juul for allegedly targeting youth by advertising their vape products on both Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network, two networks whose main audience is youth.
- On June 1, 2020 sale of all flavored products, including menthol products will be prohibited. Also, retailers must take down any advertising for products they can't sell.
- The new law states that any retailer who is not an adult only tobacco store can only sell vape products that are less than 35 mg per milliliter or 3% nicotine. And, in order to legally sell them, they must show to the inspector (Bonny Carroll) a letter from the manufacturer(s) of whatever product(s) they are selling confirming that their product(s) contain under that amount. To that end, Juul has issued a letter to retailers stating that they can't give retailers such a letter because even though their product label says 3% nicotine, they cannot guarantee that that is true. They state that their 3% nicotine product could range from 2.8% -3.2% nicotine. So, in effect, no Juul product can be sold right now in regular retail stores. Age 21 adult only tobacco stores are not required to have these types of letters and are allowed to sell any amount of nicotine in their products.

REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE:

- Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) being finalized
- On behalf of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop, J. Stone working on a shared public health planning grant with focus on air quality.

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

Town Group Email for Board Members: Members agreed to request a town email address for town email distribution purposes. Chair Schmidt will send request to Town Manager, A. Faison.

COMMISSIONER of INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UPDATE (ISD): absent

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

- Airline staff and Asian students are being screened upon arrival in Boston for flu.
- DPH holding drills and tabletop exercises; developing a state plan for pandemic flu.
- 3/26/2020: White Ribbon Day at Harbor Cove; topic Domestic Violence
- CHA hosting an 8 hour mental health crisis intervention training in March
- Writing an article on the Clear Program for the MA Health Commission.
- Two projects completed last year to be submitted to APHA for presentation.

MRC UPDATE: Absent

MASSPORT: Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR): Report reviewed by Chair Schmidt who had no comments. Congressional letter on airport noise signed by Board.

REVIEW of UPDATED TOWN WEBSITE: Board members reviewed relevant Board of Health sections of the current Town website and made the following suggestions:

- News and Announcements Section:
 - o Maintain the following:
 - Vaping
 - Ban on Single-use Plastic Bags
 - o Move to side bar column
 - Tobacco
 - o Strike
 - iCHNA and Survey
 - Mothers Out Front
 - Mosquitos
 - NSPH Collaborative
 - Reminder
 - Food
- About the Board of Health: Complete the bio for S. Maguire
- Board of Health:
 - o Strike
 - ISD
 - Ebola, but keep emergency plans
 - Enterovirus
 - Forms: insurance, MRC application, Variance
 - January Meeting Minutes
 - Mosquito correspondence
 - o Maintain:
 - Move EEE to Mosquito and Mosquito Borne Illness

- NSCH Report: change title to The North Suffolk Integrated Community Health Needs Assessment (iCHNA) and Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP)
- Rabies
- Rodents: revise text
- Ticks: Update (A. Weins)
- Tobacco: Update
 - o Haulers: move under ISD
 - o Dumpsters: move under ISD
- Action Steps: Board to complete their review of the current website and periodically review it on a quarterly basis.

BODY ART REGULATION: S. Maguire presented the latest draft incorporating all Board members' edits for their final review. Members requested that 'severability' language be added to the draft. Action Steps: S. Maguire will add severability language to the draft. A. Weins kindly offered to edit and format the document for the Board's final review.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS for March 2020 MEETING:

- Past business:
 - 59 Cottage
- Mosquito Management Plan
- Tobacco: New State Regs and current Winthrop Regulation
- Body Art Regulation
- DPH Grant
- FY 2020 Workplan

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Maguire