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Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on May 15, 2018

The meeting began at 5:00PM and was held at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood.

Members Present: Jim O'Sullivan, JD, Chairperson
Carol Ahearn, RN, BSN
Roger L. Christian, M.D.

Staff Present: Linda R. Shea, REHS/RS, Health Director
Lorraine Donovan, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Dennis Lane, Representative for Coalition For Responsible Retailing

Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2018:

Mr. O'Sullivan moved to approve meeting minutes, Ms. Ahearn seconded, minutes approved 3-0-0.

Public Hearing-Review Proposed Revisions to the Westwood Board of Health Tobacco Regulations entitled: "Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products"

Ms. Shea reviews the draft regulations with the Board. *The draft is attached to the minutes and all yellow highlighted areas indicate the changes to be considered.*

The following are some of the proposed changes to Westwood's *Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products* discussed:

- No sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products except in smoking bars and adult-only retail tobacco stores;
- Retailer of liquid nicotine containers must comply with a 310 CMR 30.000 (MA Hazardous Waste Regulations) and provide a written plan for disposal, including plans for breakage, spillage and expiration of the product;
- A Tobacco Product Sales Permit will not be renewed if the permit holder has sold a tobacco product to a person under 21 three (3) times the previous permit year and the time to appeal has expired;

- Retailer cannot sell liquid or gel nicotine products unless it is contained in a child-resistant package that meets the minimum standards for packaging;
- Updated and added several definitions;
- Retailer must return Tobacco Sales Permit to the Board of Health if business closes

Mr. Dennis Lane would like to express his concern that changing the current tobacco regulations would make it unfair to retailers, including himself, who comply with the local tobacco regulations. He owns a convenience store in Quincy, MA and does not agree that a person legally buying tobacco products should be prohibited from buying flavored tobacco products in a retail store like his. Mr. Lane believes that banning him from selling these products will definitely affect his revenue. He compares this to how detrimental it would be for retailers if all cities and towns prohibited the sale of flavored alcohol products. His belief is that prohibiting flavored tobacco products does not prevent them from being used by teenagers, who have found ways to purchase products online or have older friends purchase for them.

The Board agrees to move forward with the all but 2 of the changes noted in the draft regulation and will hold another public hearing on June 12, 2018.

Ms. Shea will contact the 4 establishments that hold tobacco permits to let them know about the June meeting.

Health Director Report:

PHN Report:

Ms. Shea provided the Board with a report describing the various duties McCarthy has performed in April.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. The Health Department is looking forward to hosting the Blum Van, which will be in Westwood on May 25, 2018 from 10AM-2PM at the Senior Center. The van is staffed by a dermatologist and other staff from Brigham & Women's Dermatology and they will provide a free skin check to residents.

Sunsations sunscreen dispensers have arrived and will be installed by DPW at School Street Playground, Morrison Park and the Tot Lot in the next few weeks.

University Ave:

Panda Express:

Panda Express has inquired about the food permit, however, the Health Dept. has not been asked to conduct any inspections to date. The building permit was issued months ago and the project is ongoing.

Permit Renewals:

The Health Dept. is busy with FY19 Food, Tobacco, Pool, Camp and Beach permit renewals. Ms. Shea and Ms. Kelly have been busy scheduling and conducting inspections as a result of the renewals. Life Time pool inspections were conducted on May 10, 2018, Gables pool inspection was done on May 15, 2018, Westwood High School is scheduled for May 16, 2018, the Courtyard pool and spa are scheduled for May 22, 2018 and Membership Beach is scheduled for May 22, 2018.

Review of Correspondence:

Ms. Shea went over some of the letters she has sent and received in April.

On-line Permitting- Viewpoint Cloud:

The Health Dept. will be transitioning to the on-line permitting software with a new live date of June 1, 2018 for at least several permit applications to start.

Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative Update:

Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative-Consists of 4 towns-Westwood, Needham, Norwood and Dedham.

- The Health Directors have continued to meet monthly-we met on May 7th.
- We are in the process of developing a budget for next year.
- We have agreed to include Alcohol Edu for 9th graders in next year's budget; Westwood has presented the online program to 9th and some 10th grade Health Classes; (234 students-they are in the process of taking the post-test and then Westwood will receive a report based on the data collected).
- We have sent home a flyer to encourage parents to also take the parents version of Alcohol Edu.
- We have hired Emily Saunders as the Photo Voice Project administrator; She comes with a of experience working with teens; She is recruiting kids from Westwood this week
- The Health Directors met with the Police Chiefs to devise a way to conduct alcohol compliance checks at all of the licensed establishments. Norwood Police got a grant last year to conduct compliance checks in Norwood. Chief Brooks was concerned when 9 out of 18 establishments sold to a minor. The chiefs from all 4 towns agreed to do this work sometime in the next few months.
- The Health Directors are in the early stages of planning a Regional Event to show the documentary entitled "Written Off" about a young adult addicted to Opioids. We are hoping to utilize the Dedham and/or Norwood Theaters and have a panel discussion. More information to follow.

Meeting Adjourned 6:18PM