

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
March 3, 2022 Minutes

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Antonia Blinn; Chair, Kasia Frenette, Michael Healey, Ryan Maxwell, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent.

Missing: Graham Wilson; Clerk.

Guests: DJ Wilson; Tobacco Control Director/Public Health Liaison at Massachusetts Municipal Association Boston, Massachusetts, Sally Fehervari; Mansfield, MA Resident, Julie Jones; Mansfield, MA Resident

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chair Antonia Blinn.

II. Consent Agenda

- **Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Maxwell.**
 - VOTE 4-0 Passes
- **Motion to move Hemp Wrap (HW) Discussion to next item on the agenda made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Maxwell.**
 - Vote 4-0 Passes

III. Hemp Wrap (HW) Education - DJ Wilson

- Discussion related to HW wraps with DJ Wilson.
- HWs are used for marijuana and tobacco.
- HWs are now on the market due to the legalization of marijuana.
- HWs do not contain tobacco or nicotine.
- The concern is that HWs are flavored and may draw younger children to become addicted to tobacco.
- Suggestion to restrict HWs to adult only tobacco stores.
- Seven cities have banned flavored wraps.
- Can change the wording in Mansfield regulations to include all wraps and/or flavored product enhancers.
- Definitions will need to be updated.
- Ms. Donovan-Palmer will draft language to review.

IV. Public Health Nursing Report

- Ms. Donovan-Palmer is working on creating historical nursing reports to identify trends.
 - A senior volunteer will help with data entry.
- Request made by Mr. Healey that the Fire Chief or another individual who has the public health nursing information attend our meeting quarterly to update the BOH.

V. COVID-19 Updates

See attached slides

- Six new cases last week

- 23 new cases this week
- COVID-19 EMS calls are decreasing. Calls are screened to see if possible COVID-19 cases
 - December - 48
 - January - 26
 - February - 10

VI. Nip Bottle By-Law Sally Fehervari, Julie Jones

- Ms. Fehervari and Ms. Jones are in attendance to discuss the “Nip” Bottle Ban warrant they filed with the Town Clerk. They are asking the BOH to support this warrant.
 - Please refer to attached warrant
- The warrant being proposed will ban all “nip” single-serving bottles of liquor. To become effective January 1, 2023.
- Ms. Jones presented a slide show.
 - Please refer to attached slides.
- Ms. Blinn recommended Ms. Fehervari and Ms. Jones contact Jess Apowitz, the BOH liaison to discuss the Select Board supporting this warrant.
- The BOH has concerns with enforcement. The Health Department is a one-person office; we do not have the capacity to enforce this.

VII. Green Burials Update

At this time the BOH decided that Green Burials will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

VIII. Letter in support of the Peabody Peaker Plant and additional clean energy efforts

At the last meeting Mr. Healey and Ms. Donovan-Palmer were going to prepare a letter to the Governor regarding the Peaker Plant.

At this point, it is not necessary to write a letter to the Governor as the plant is already in the process of being built.

- **Motion to dismiss the letter of to the Governor related to the Peaker Plant made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Maxwell.**
 - **Vote Passes Unanimously**

IX. Waste Reduction Committee Update

No Update

X. Department Updates

Bristol Norfolk Public Health Partners Coalition Grants Update

1. Grant signed by all towns.
 - a. Foxboro - Food Inspection/Housing Interviews fell through. Will reschedule.
2. Regional Epidemiologist - Moving forward. Should have an update in the next couple of weeks.

FOG

- Continues to be difficult to keep up with.
- A senior volunteer is going to help out with data entry.
- Hard to get companies to follow through with what they need to do.
 - Mr. Healey suggested that if they can't follow through then they may need to come to explain to the BOH why they are having problems and how they will fix it.

PFAS

No Update

Website/Social Media

- COVID-19 funding ends so no additional communications to continue
- Can the town fund this for other topics?

Housing Inspections

No Update

Grant Applications

No update

XI. Visitor Comments

None

XII. Items Not Known 48 Hours Prior

None

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05pm by Ms. Blinn, Chairperson

Kasia Merritt
Clerk

5/5/22
Date