



**TOWN OF WEBSTER
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
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Iwona Miller – Chairman

James Avery - Vice Chairman

Dave Zalewski - Member

WEBSTER BOARD OF HEALTH

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – February 05, 2018

Attending
Iwona Miller
James Avery
Dave Zalewski

Also in attendance: Jennifer Sullivan – Health Agent and Danyel Guiou – Interim Assistant Health Agent

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to table the 11/27/2017 minutes for clarification until the next meeting – James Avery

Second – Dave Zalewski

3-0 vote to table the 11/27/2017 minutes for clarification until the next meeting

OLD BOARD BUSINESS

Review and discussion of Draft Tobacco Regulations

A public hearing will be held for the final draft of the Tobacco Regulations. Ms. Sullivan explained that select packaging targets younger kids as studies have shown to prove this information, as well as how the display is placed in the establishment. The board discussed retail stores selling flavored tobacco products. This brought up another study that shows flavored products are targeted towards the younger generation.

Motion to ban any flavored tobacco products being sold in retail stores – Dave Zalewski

Second – Iwona Miller

2-1 vote to ban any flavored tobacco products being sold in retail stores

The board discussed the proposal of a smoking only section designated at Memorial Beach. Ms. Sullivan said that this is something that she will look further into.

Ms. Sullivan discussed with the board, to possibly ban tobacco being sold at any Pharmacy in Town. Ms. Sullivan explained that about 152 Towns have already added this to their tobacco regulations. A pharmacy promotes health and wellness and should not be offering tobacco products. The board members were concerned that this may cause a loss of business for the current pharmacies in Town who have been selling tobacco. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Mr. Avery questioned how many feet a patron must be away from an establishment to smoke tobacco. Ms. Sullivan confirmed that it is 8ft. Ms. Sullivan advised the board that once the new regulations are in place, every establishment that will be obtaining a tobacco permit must sign a waiver that they have read the new tobacco regulations.

NEW BOARD BUSINESS

Webster Mini Mart – 56 Main Street

The Health Agent advised the board of the status within the establishment of Mini Mart. The business has been temporarily shut down on January 26, 2018 until all violations have been abated. Ms. Sullivan gave the owner a list of the violations that needed to be corrected. A follow-up inspection was performed on February 5, 2018 to review the violations and see the progress that was made. As of that inspection, the owner has made some progress to try and re-open the establishment.

Ollie's Eats – 119 Main Street

The owner of this establishment has sent a letter to the Board of Health requesting a few items that are required for a commercial kitchen not be mandatory within this establishment. Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that the owner can ask for a variance to which the Board may accept or deny.

Motion to request the establishment owner to the next scheduled meeting to discuss further – Dave Zalewski

Second – Iwona Miller

3-0 vote to request the establishment owner to the next scheduled meeting to discuss further

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Nurse Report - Discussed

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Online Permitting

Online permitting is now in effect, but only for the Building Department. The board was informed that the Board of Health will be making permits available to applicants online in the near future. Mr. Zalewski questioned whether or not a signature from the Board will still be required on a permit once the permits are online.

ADJOURN

Motion – to adjourn meeting at 5:33 pm – Dave Zalewski

Second- Iwona Miller

3-0 Vote to adjourn meeting at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danyel Guiou

Interim Assistant Health Agent

Town of Webster

Approved Date: 3/5/18

Cc: Board of Health Members
Town of Webster Website
Town Clerk