



BOARD OF HEALTH  
October 19, 2021

The meeting was in Room 9 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Dan King, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 2, 2021.

The Minutes of September 21, 2021 and October 5, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

### **Department Business**

#### **Ian Worstell, tobacco control agent**

Mr. Worstell was present to introduce himself to the Board. Mr. Worstell has been conducting tobacco control duties in Wilmington, Concord, Bedford and Lexington. Dr. Williams stated she has been pleased reading his reports and he is doing a great job.

#### **Public Hearing 11 Hopkins Street application for 4 Goats**

Arianna Reed, resident was present. The Director presented the Board with a plot plan and supporting documentation to stable 4 goats. These are small Pygmy goats. The animal inspector gave a favorable recommendation. No comments or concerns came in from abutters. The shed will be converted into a barn/shelter for the goats. Goat manure mostly composts into the ground, but they will also compost it into their garden. All the hay and feed will come from tractor supply. Dr. Williams motioned to approve the application for 4 goats, Dr. King, seconded, voted in favor 3-0.

#### **Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Board of Health regulations Section 8 and Section 5.**

The Chairman, Ms. Sabounjian opened the public hearing at 5:50 p.m. The Director presented the Board with the following recommended changes:

#### **Section 8 Smoking and Tobacco and Section 5 Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems:**

##### **Definitions:**

Component part: Any element of a tobacco product, including but not limited to, the tobacco, filter, and paper.

Tobacco Product Flavor Enhancer: Any product designed, manufactured, produced, marketed, or sold to produce a characterizing flavor when added to any tobacco product. A rolling paper with a characterizing flavor shall be considered a Tobacco Product Flavor Enhancer.

Rolling Papers: Sheets, rolls, tubes, cones, or leaves, that do not contain tobacco, which are used for rolling cigarettes either by hand or with a roll-your-own machine. When rolling a cigarette, the filler may be tobacco, cannabis or other commonly smoked herbs.

8.24 Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products Prohibited: No person shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed any flavored tobacco product, as defined herein, flavored nicotine delivery product, as defined herein, or any flavored tobacco product enhancer, as defined herein. Retailers must obtain from a manufacturer documentation certifying that products sold by the retailer, do not meet the definition of a flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer (105 CMR 665.010).

Mr. Worstell has been seeing flavored hemp rolling papers during his inspections. These products can be targeted towards youth and therefore he is recommending the proposed changes.

Dr. King motioned to approve the amendments to the regulations as presented, Dr. Williams, seconded, voted in favor 3-0.

### **Section 5 Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems:**

5.4.2 The minimum size of any GEO Mat Leaching system shall be a minimum of 600 square feet.

The Director is starting to receive plans of this approved technology. The general and remedial use approvals allow for this leaching system to be designed at 400 sq feet. The Director feels this is too small and would like to make a minimum size requirement of 600 sq feet. Wilmington has the lot size and soil conditions to allow for 600 sq ft. Dr. Williams motioned to approve the addition of 5.4.2 as presented, Dr. King, seconded, voted in favor, 3-0.

Dr. Williams motioned to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m., Dr. King, seconded, voted in favor to close the public hearing, 3-0.

### **Department business**

#### **Flu Clinics**

Wilmington has completed its flu clinics for the season. Close to 300 flu vaccinations were administered. 160 high dose senior flu doses were administered.

#### **Coronavirus Update**

The Director updated the Board that there are currently 57 active positives in Town, 26 are breakthrough cases of fully vaccinated individuals. We are hovering between 50-70 cases every two weeks. This is consistent with surrounding Towns trends. Wilmington will continue to promote vaccinations. At this time the Health Department is not administering Booster shots. The Director will keep the Board updated if anything changes.

Dr. Williams motioned to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., voted 3-0.

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**Recording:**  
**Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health**