



BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
November 7, 2017

The Board of Health held a meeting in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Present were, Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Daniel King and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be November 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA.

The Board reviewed and approved the October 3, 2017 minutes

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

New Business

Amendments to regulations

The Board discussed possible changes to the Section 8 of the Board of Health regulations as follows:

"Smoking marijuana is prohibited wherever smoking cigarettes is prohibited"

8.0 Definitions: Smoking shall mean having in possession or control any lighted cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, other lighted tobacco substance in any form, any nicotine delivery product or device or marijuana (as defined below).

"Marijuana" or "Marihuana", all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted below and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C of the General Laws; not including below:

(1) The mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination;

(2) Hemp; or

(3) The weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or other products.

The Board suggested striking parts of the definition of marijuana as it appears to be too complicated and confusing. The Director has been working with Town Counsel to streamline the regulations. A hearing will be conducted at a future Board of Health meeting. The Selectmen have scheduled a special Town meeting for Saturday December 16, 2017. Currently there are 4 articles slated to be on the warrant. One of the articles will be a Selectmen sponsored article to ban the sale, cultivation, manufacture and testing of recreational marijuana. If this article passes the Board of Health should plan on holding the public hearing to amend our regulations at an immediate date following the special town meeting.

Department Business

Olin update

On September 30, 2016 the Surface Transportation Board published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed New England Transrail, LLC, project. NET intends to acquire, construct and operate various rail lines and construct and operate a transloading facility in Wilmington. The final scope of Study for the NET EIS is now available for review. Elizabeth Sabounjian, on behalf of the Board of Health, is reviewing the EIS documents. She asked that the Director send the documents to the rest of the Board members.

The Director presented the Board with upcoming public flu clinic dates. November 29, 2017 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Director has been busy with septic system installations and percolation testing on new lots. The season ends on November 30, 2017.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., voted 2-0.


Recording: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health