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Board of Health

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Minutes of a public meeting held on **September 10, 2018**, by the **Sandwich Board of Health** in the Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Avenue, Sandwich, MA.

Members Present: Sandra Tompkins, Rebecca Lovell Scott, Pam Dana Snyder

Health Agent Present: David Mason

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Woodbury

Others Present: Gretchen Arvanitopoulos, Douglas Karson, Pamela Richardson, Rose Forbes, Linda Lewison, Frederick Lane, Madeline Wing Adler, Vianna Heath, Anna Manatis, Shawn Cody, Tao Woolfe

1. The meeting was brought to order by Sandra Tompkins at 7:00 p.m.

2. Annual MMR Cleanup Program Update

Douglas Karson, Community Involvement Lead, presented the Board with an update of the Installation Restoration Program at Joint Base Cape Cod for the five year review of the MMR. Mr. Karson supplied the Board with documentation discussing the clean-up of the contamination sites and spoke about the plume pollution sites and the protection of public health and the environment.(see attachment) Rose Forbes also spoke to the Board about the munitions response areas at the Joint Base Cape Cod and a feasibility study moving forward. (see attachment) Pamela Richardson concluded the presentation with the impact area ground work study for groundwater on or near Joint Base Cape Cod. (see attachment)

3. Natural Gas Health Risks

Anna Manatis represented Dr. Steven Jones, who was unable to attend the meeting. She explained the harmful health effects of burning natural gas. Ms. Manatis provided the Board with a sample letter signed by 67 Boards throughout the state to Governor Baker, requiring an independent health impact assessment before any infrastructure in the Commonwealth. (see attachment)

4. Municipal Tobacco & Public Health Policy Program Agreement

David Mason presented the agreement with Barnstable County to continue the Municipal Tobacco & Public Health Policy Program. The program allows Barnstable County to perform stings in the town for tobacco violations and education information. The State decided to raise the smoking age to 21 within the next couple of years.



5. Sandwich Green Coalition, Paul Houlihan & Linda Lewison, Plastic Straws

Paul Houlihan & Linda Lewison spoke to the Board about polystyrene, the plastic food service items responsible for a major litter problem around town and harm it poses to wildlife. The plastic is not biodegradable, rarely recycled and made with non-renewable fossil fuels. Twenty nine towns throughout Massachusetts including four on Cape Cod have implemented a ban on the plastic for food and beverage containers, including plastic straws. The discussion was opened to the public for comment. Gretchen Arvanitopoulos, Vice President of CORD, expressed her concerns for people with disabilities need for straws as well as plastic bags.

6. Nomination for Inspectors of Animals

John Pimental and David Mason were appointed as the Inspectors of Animals. The appointment is effective through April 30, 2019. A motion was made by Sandra Tompkins, seconded by Rebecca Lovell Scott, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0

7. Reserved for topics not anticipated by the Chairperson

David Mason spoke with the Board about a four part educational videos he is creating with SCTV on the Town Website for Sandwich Water Quality Advisory to discuss the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan.

8. Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rebecca Scott to approve the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting from October 16, 2017 as written, seconded by Sandra Tompkins, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

A motion was made by Rebecca Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m. and seconded by Sandra Tompkins

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Woodbury
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: Jennifer Woodbury

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