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Board of Health

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2016

Minutes of a public meeting held on **March 14, 2016** by the **Sandwich Board of Health** in the Town Office Building Meeting Room, 16 Jan Sebastian Drive, Sandwich, MA. Sandra Tompkins, Rebecca Lovell Scott, Tim Grady, were the board members in attendance. David B. Mason, Health Agent was also present.

The meeting was brought to order by Sandra Tompkins at 7:05 p.m.

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Synthetic Drug Regulations

David Mason presented an email from Chief Peter Wack, regarding a proposed bylaw for all towns in the County for Synthetic Drug Regulations. Mr. Mason would like the issue to be presented at a public hearing on April 11, 2016, for the adoption to the Board of Health Regulations. The outline is similar to the tobacco guidelines for the control & monitoring of retail sales. In attendance was Linell Grundman, the Sandwich Representative for Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse, and Denise MacFarlane from Sandwich Ways of Hope, who spoke in favor of the regulations and claims that The Substance Abuse Council is working on this regionally because the synthetic drugs are changing daily and cannot be legislated from the State because the ingredients change daily.

The motion was made by Ms. Tompkins to present the issue for public hearing, seconded by Ms. Scott, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

2. Raising the minimum age for Tobacco & Smokeless Nicotine Products from 18 to 21

The Board reviewed information from the Falmouth Health Department regarding a meeting to the raise of the minimum age for Tobacco & Smokeless Nicotine Products from 18 to 21 on March 7th. As a result of that meeting the Falmouth Board of Health voted not to increase the minimum age because it would encourage people to purchase Nicotine in other neighboring towns. Mr. Grady would like the minimum age to be increased by the State.

3. Chicken Coops

David Mason presented the Board with a complaint regarding the keeping of chickens resulting in an increase of rodents. He has asked the local stores to stock larger rodent traps. He suggested guidelines to be put in place for chicken coops as well as minimum lot size for roosters.

Mr. Mason will present the Board with new guidelines he outlined from regulations of neighboring towns for a formal discussion in the future.



4. Pesticide Spraying

POCCA is looking to limit the use of spraying pesticides /herbicides along the powerlines. In the past the Board has supported the prohibition of the spraying along that area, specifically near residents with abutting private wells. POCCA would like to renew the Boards support. Mr. Mason would like the Boards support for a standing prohibition.

A motion was made by Ms. Tompkins, seconded by Ms. Scott, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

4. Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Scott to approve the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting from October 19, 2015, as written, seconded by Mr. Grady, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

5. Review/Approval of 2016 Board of Health Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Ms. Tompkins to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule of the Board of Health, seconded by Ms. Scott, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

6. Inspector of Animals

David B. Mason and John Pimental were appointed as the Inspectors of Animals. The appointment is effective through April 30, 2017.

The motion was made by Mr. Grady, seconded by Ms. Scott, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

3. Other Business

Mr. Mason gave a brief update on the licensing of pools and summer camps for the upcoming season. Water sampling for ponds and bathing beaches will begin the end of May and continue until Labor Day.

Ms. Tompkins was informed the subdivision for Cape Crossing was rejected by the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Mr. Grady, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Woodbury
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Date Approved:

April 11, 2016