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Board of Health

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Minutes of a public meeting held on **April 11, 2016**, by the **Sandwich Board of Health** in the Town Office Building Meeting Room, 16 Jan Sebastian Drive, Sandwich, MA.

Members Present: Sandra Tompkins, Tim Grady, Rebecca Lovell Scott

Health Agent Present: David Mason

Others Present: Denise MacFarlane, Tao Wolfe, Lynn Cormay

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The meeting was brought to order by Sandra Tompkins at 7pm.

1. Consideration of Board of Health for Synthetic Drug Regulation

David Mason informed the Board that the Health Department has complied with Massachusetts General Law for the Board of Health to adopt a new regulation for synthetic drugs, which required notification in the local paper two consecutive weeks prior to the meeting. In attendance, Denise MacFarlane spoke in support of the new regulation and the dangers of synthetic drugs. David Mason informed the Board regarding the sales of tobacco and moving forward the Health Department will notify local retail establishments with a copy of the new regulation. After a brief discussion, Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the new regulation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grady and passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

2. Discussion for future Amendments to the Board of Health Smoking Regulation

David Mason requested a continuance to the next Board of Health meeting. He is currently in discussions with Robert Collett of Cape Tobacco Control, and is gathering information to strengthen our current regulation.

3. Discussion of future Amendments to Board of Health Livestock Regulations

David Mason informed the Board that the rat population has increased in town due to bird feeders as well as chicken coops. Roosters are also becoming an issue in smaller neighborhoods with noise complaints. He proposed for consideration for the keeping of roosters to be prohibited on lots less than five continuance acres, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 61A, for the amount of land to retain Classification for Agricultural or Horticultural Land. This would also create a buffer for noise violations. In attendance, Lynn Cormay spoke about making Sandwich a "Right to Farm Town" along with several other towns on Cape Cod. Sandra Tompkins would like to review the information on the "Right to Farm." Rebecca Lovell Scott is interested to see how the "Right to Farm" is working in other towns on Cape Cod for future discussion. The Board decided there is no interest in further discussions for regulating fowl and chicken coops.

4. Approval of Board of Health Minutes from March 14th, 2016 meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Scott to approve the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting from March 14, 2016, as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grady, and passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

5. Other Business

In attendance, Denise MacFarlane spoke regarding tobacco and it being illegal to smoke in public but it's legal to "vape" in public. David Mason informed the Board that Bob Collett is gathering information regarding "vaping" and will bring it forward at the next Board of Health Meeting.

A motion was made by Rebecca Lovell Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Tim Grady and passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Woodbury
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 6/13/16

Chairwoman: Sandra Lee Tompkins
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