



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Veteran's Hall, Town Hall Room #6

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matthew Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Robert DeMarzo (Livestock Subcommittee Chair), Kathleen Mahoney (Multi-Town Tobacco Coordinator) and Sarah McColgan (Mass Health Officers Association).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 7:00pm and read the statement regarding the recording of the Meeting. The Chair asked Mr. DeMarzo if he would mind if he took the appointments out of order.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – Kathleen Mahoney – Tobacco Sales Update

Kathleen Mahoney introduced herself as the Tobacco Coordinator for five towns including Pembroke. She makes sure the retailers are following the regulations and laws. There have been many changes in the law, and she has been educating the retailers regarding the new laws and their penalties. She has also been supplying signage about the law to the retailers. Mahoney went over the changes in the law. Massachusetts has banned all flavored products (tobacco, vaping, including menthol). The compliance checks in June were great. All the retailers passed. The state has set the fines and the Town has leeway to set suspensions length. Other Towns have done 3 days and \$1,000 fine for the first offense, 7-30 days and \$2,000 fine for the second and 30 days and \$5,000 fine for the offense. Mahoney told the Board how the compliance checks were conducted. The Board asked about more than a third offense. Sarah McColgan said it was not in the regulation, but the Board could have a hearing and revoke the permit to sell tobacco permanently. Mahoney said she will send the latest regulations with the minimum requirements and the Board will review and bring the Town's regulations up to date. The Board thanked Mahoney for her work on behalf of the Town and for coming to the meeting.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and vote representative to Pembroke Titans Against Drugs (PTAD)

The Chair asked if Mr. Newman had any updates for the Board. Newman said not really. They have had a few meetings. He would like to stay on PTAD as the BoH representative. Adam Gedutis made a motion to appoint Matt Newman as the Board of Health's representative to PTAD. The Chair seconded and all were in favor (3-0-0).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possible vote regarding administering COVID vaccines

See Health Agent's report.

Health Agent's Report

COVID /FLU VACCINE UPDATE

There are many places in town to get a booster shot. Right now, only Pfizer has an approved. The Town distributed Moderna vaccines with the multitown collaborative. The Pfizer requires a deep freeze and we do not have the required storage. The approved vaccines are available everywhere and we do not have problems with people wanting the vaccine getting the vaccine. Flu vaccines are out at all the pharmacies and urgent care facilities. We are administering them at our senior housing. We had a well-attended flu vaccine clinic at the COA.

COVID UPDATE

Our numbers have been consistent (30 to 38 cases) week to week but not rising.

FALL TOWN MEETING

There is concern for safety at Fall Town Meeting. It will be held at the High School. People are encouraged to wear a mask. The cafeteria will require masks to be worn to accommodate those that wish to be masked and want to be with masked people. The auditorium will not require a mask.

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OFFICE ACTIVITY/GENERAL INFO

Activity is down. The housing market is slow (low inventory). The Office is busy with COVID compliance so the low activity is not missed.

The Health Agent spoke to Mr. DeMarzo, and they are making progress with the Livestock regulations. They are working on density and multi species populations on properties. Mr. DeMarzo hopes to present to the Board at the next meeting.

The Agent asked the Board to look at their calendars and check their availability for future meetings.

At 7:32pm, Adam Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Driscoll Seconded and all were in favor (3-0-0)

NEXT MEETING DATES

October 26, 2021