

BOARD OF HEALTH
Hearing Room, Second Floor, City Hall: 210 Main Street
January 17, 2019 Minutes

BOH Members Present: Joanne Levin; Suzanne Smith; Cynthia Suopis; William Hargraves; and Laurent Levy

BOH Members Absent: None

Staff: Merridith O’Leary, Director and Melissa Roberts-Cote, BOH Clerk

Staff Absent: None

Meeting opened January 17, 2019 at 5:35pm by Joanne Levin

I. Public Comment Session: No Public Comments

II. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2018.

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion made by Suzanne Smith to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Laurent Levy. All were in favor (5-0).

III. Discussion:

A. 2013 Food Code-105 CMR-590

The State Department of Public Health adopted the 2013 Federal Food Code on October 5, 2018. There are significant differences between the 1999 Federal Food Code and the newly adopted 2013 Federal Food Code. Director O’Leary stated that she has concerns with the changes to the newly adopted 2013 Federal Food Code. The 2013 Federal Food Code indicates that retailers (various retailers: retail, bed-and-breakfast, mobile vendors that only sell retail) who do not sell potentially hazardous foods, cut leafy greens, cut fresh fruits and vegetables would not be required to obtain a permit if they only sell prepackaged foods that are not time/temperature sensitive. These retailers had been required to do so under the previous Federal Code. A sample list of retailers was given to the Board that fall into this category. Director O’Leary is suggesting that the City of Northampton adopt a regulation that does not exempt our retailers from the 2013 Federal Food Code. Director O’Leary addressed her concerns to the Board regarding that business owners might change what they are selling without notification to the Health Department and at a minimum these types of business should have inspections to verify their practices for the safety of the consumer as they currently are required to do. She also is concerned about storage of prepackaged food, and making sure this is done correctly which currently falls under the food code. Director O’Leary will prepare a draft regulation and forward the final draft regulation to the Board and the City Solicitor and then go forward with a hearing. We may consider having a hearing at the next Board of Health meeting.

Motion: Motion made by Suzanne Smith, to begin the process for the City of Northampton Board of Health Food Establishment Regulation that is more restrictive than the 2013 Federal Food Code specifically with directives to Retail, Bed and Breakfast and Mobile Retailers, second by William Hargraves at 5:59 pm, All in favor (5-0)

B. Body Art Establishment Regulation

The Board discussed and reviewed the Northampton Body Art Establishment Regulation with regard to possibly adding an addendum to the current regulation to include microblading. The

Board has reviewed the amended Boston Public Health Body Art Regulation that includes microblading. The Boston Public Health Body Art Regulation has also been adopted by Easthampton and East Longmeadow Boards of Health. Director O'Leary discussed with the Board the variations of microblading, micropigmentation, and permanent makeup as well as the differences regarding the art and education. Director O'Leary has noted that the current Northampton Body Art Establishment Regulation under section 3 includes, micropigmentation and permanent makeup. Microblading has certificate programs available, and information was given to the Board around training, curriculum, and apprentice hours to become certified/trained to work in this area. The Board has decided not to amend the Northampton Body Art Establishment Regulation at this time, but encourages people from the industry who are requesting a permit for microblading in Northampton to present to the Board.

IV. Actions: Appointment of Donna Bowman, Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition.

The Northampton Board of Health has appointed Donna Bowman a designee of the Northampton Board of Health as a Tobacco Compliance Officer.

Motion: Motion made by Suzanne Smith, to appoint Donna Bowman a designee of the Northampton Board of Health to conduct tobacco inspections, and provide education to the Northampton Tobacco Establishments. Seconded by Cynthia Suopis at 6:00 pm. All in favor (5-0)

V. Department Updates:

- The Smoke Free Downtown initiative was discussed briefly. The Health Director stated this initiative has taken a back burner leaving the task of finding designated smoking areas to a halt despite they have a subcommittee, it was suggested to connect with Wayne Feiden to see if he has made any further development on the initiative as well. The Mayor would like to see the smoking areas in place by the spring in order to proceed with this initiative.
- Director O'Leary discussed the new generation of smokers, most of whom use vaping as their preferred nicotine product rather than cigarettes. She would like to continue discussions on removing electronic nicotine device systems (ENDS) currently sold in the Tobacco Retail stores and consider only allowing sales in the adult only Tobacco Establishments. Further discussion next time.
- The Health Department Budget review with the Mayor is scheduled. Director O'Leary will request that the part time housing inspector become full time. The department has a need for 2 full time inspectors which will be presented to the Mayor.
- The Northampton Health Department has conducted its 3rd employee municipal training. The training was focused on proper technique for handling sharps safely as well as Narcan training, overdose prevention, and what to do when responding to an overdose.

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Motion made to close the Board of Health meeting by William Hargraves, seconded by Suzanne Smith, all in favor (5-0)

Meeting closed at 7:29 PM.

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: February 21, 2019
Melissa Roberts-Cote, BOH Clerk

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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.

These documents are available for review at the:

Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

- Meeting Agenda
- November 15, 2018_Minutes
- Major Changes to the Massachusetts Retail Food Code
- Draft Food Establishment Regulation
- Boston Guidelines for the Implementation and Enforcement of Public Health Commission's Body Art Regulations Amendment
- Society of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals
- American Academy of Micropigmentation Training
- Prettyology Academy Curriculum
- Pigmenta Permanent Cosmetics Curriculum