



## Hudson Board of Health

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### MINUTES

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July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
5:30 pm  
Hudson Town Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

***Board Members: Michael Delfino, Cassia Monteiro, Allyson O'Malley***

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1. **Preliminaries**

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mr. Delfino called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 6.6.2023** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the minutes from 6.6.2023. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

2. **Vouchers to be Approved** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the vouchers. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

3. **Housing Updates – 21 Felton Street #3**

- a. The tenant has moved out since our last meeting. On June 12<sup>th</sup> the tenant moved on to another town. Ms. Antonelli went to court with the former town council and they reached an agreement with the landlord through his legal representation. We approved an additional 14 days to fix everything and then re-inspected. More or less everything has been repaired. The landlord gave us documentation of the purchase of a new fridge and replacement windows. The landlord will also be carpeting most of the unit. The landlord painted over chipping paint on window frame and the windows will be replaced. Over all we were satisfied and we are closing the case.

4. **OpenGov –**

- a. We are now live for most of our permit applications. The most important ones are live now and we will be working with the IT Department on the remainder. Annual renewals will receive automated reminders. This has been a year in the works and we are very excited to get it all up and running.

5. **Presentation from Green Hudson on Plastic Reduction –**

- a. Presentation slides available by request at the Health Department
- b. Introductions of the Board of Health and Health Department Director and staff.
- c. We will be looking at a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> to respond to Green Hudson Bylaw Proposal

6. **Review of Local Tobacco and Marijuana Regulations:**

- a. Because we had a turnover with town council things were delayed. Regulations on marijuana are currently on hold. Tobacco is ready and documents are labeled "Draft". We will need to promote a public hearing with a two weeks' notice.

We will reach out to the local newspaper. The attorney for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards provided model templates for tobacco regulations. Based on updates at the state level there are additional recommendations for higher fines and stricter punishments for the sale to minors. The first couple of pages "statement of purpose" why smoking is bad and the higher impact on youth and people of color. Nicotine delivery systems are ever evolving and there are many definitions of such. Flavors have already been banned here in Massachusetts. Fining structure is to get uniform fines across the state. Page 13 violations: First Offense \$1,000 required by the state, suspension of license is under the discretion of the Board of Health. Suspension could be up to 30 days. Second Offense within 36 months \$2,000 fine and up to 45 days suspension. 3 or more offenses within 36 months \$5,000 fine and suspension up to 60 days. Added possible 4 or more offenses in 36 months business owner would be required to attend hearing to revoke license permanently.

- b. There is a cap of 21 establishments permitted to sell tobacco in Hudson. There are currently 3-4 on the wait list. Permits cannot be transferred. There are to be no tobacco vending machines, coupons, discounts, or self-service sales. The retail density page recommended that a permit not be issued within 500 feet of a secondary or elementary school. No permit shall be issued for an establishment within 1,000 feet of another retailer.

## 7. Other Business

- a. Police night out will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 pm. The Health Department will have a table there to distribute resources, treats for kids.

### Adjournment

Ms. Monteiro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm, Ms. O'Malley seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

### Next Meeting and Public Hearing

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023