



Hudson Board of Health

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MINUTES

August 14th, 2023
5:30 pm
Hudson Town Hall
Auditorium

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

1. Preliminaries

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mr. Delfino called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 7.11.2023** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the minutes from 7.11.2023. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

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

3. **Vote on Regulation #23-1 Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking Accessories**

- a. The Health Department/Board of Health was not created as a political entity. Updating these regulations are for the sole purpose of protecting the children of Hudson. We do however, want to be fair and honest with regards to the new updates to Regulation #23-1. The State of Massachusetts has enacted most of the same restrictions as have other communities in Massachusetts. With that being said, Mr. Delfino recommends the matter be tabled until the next Board of Health Meeting. Ms. Monteiro motions for the vote on *#23-1 Regulation of the Hudson Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking Accessories* be tabled until the Board of Health Meeting on September 12th 2023. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

4. Department Updates

- a. There has been a slight increase in Covid 19 numbers. We will have a Flu and Covid Vaccine clinic on Saturday, September 23rd at Hudson High School. We have a limited number of Covid tests in the Health Department. We don't know if we will be getting more from the state. MWSPHS will help coordinate the vaccine clinic.

- b. This afternoon the Health Department put out a press release that addressed the arrival of homeless families placed in Hudson. The Health Department is taking the lead with the response to the 50 individuals here in Hudson. Massachusetts has declared a state of emergency with regards to these migrant and homeless families. Massachusetts is a "Right to Shelter" state for families with children and/or pregnant women. Shelters are at capacity with a huge increase in the homeless population. Many other towns have received homeless families including but not limited to Framingham, Northborough, Westborough, and Marlborough. Governor Healey issued a press release regarding the state of emergency stating that this is a humanitarian crisis and they are calling on the Federal Government to do all they can for these families. This press release can be found online. The Health Department is currently getting the urgent needs of these families met, such as diapers, formula, and clothing. We are asking the community to help us meet these needs by donating items and also by making monetary donations. If there are any questions the community can reach out to the Health Department.

Adjournment

Ms. O'Malley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 Ms. Monteiro Seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Next Meeting

September 12th 2023