



# BOARD OF HEALTH

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**

**Location:**  
**Town Hall**  
**Conference Room B**

- **Call to Order:**

Chair, Christie Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Michael Delfino, Jay Murphy and Kelli Calo. Additionally, Sarah McColgan, MHOA Tobacco Control Director, Patrick Tinsley, Attorney from Fletcher Tilton, and residents Beth Langlois of Appleton Drive and Nancy Sooper of Hummock Way

- **Vouchers to be Approved:**

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve all vouchers as a block. The motion was seconded by Mr. Delfino and passed 3-0.

- **Minutes to be Approved:**

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the Minutes from July 16, 2019, as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Delfino and passed 3-0

- **New Business**

Transfer Station Signage

BP Trucking recently paid for and installed new signage for the Recycling Area.

Nancy Sooper of Hummock Way spoke to the Board about the location of Top Shelf Cannaseurs on Brent Drive and the concerns the residents of Sauta Farm have with potential odor, noise, lighting etc. The Board told Ms. Sooper that they are well aware of the proposed establishment and are working diligently to address them and will make recommendations to the Planning Board.

Kelli Calo notified the Board of the resignation of Jeremy Romanul, the Mass in Motion coordinator. Mr. Romanul's last day will be on August 30. She is putting together an advertisement for the position and hopes to interview candidates in the first two weeks of October.

- **Old Business**

RSC Update:

The Recycling Sustainability Committee has designed a curbside program with BP Trucking providing curbside service to recommend to the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen. The design for the program includes two-64 gallon totes with weekly pick-up. The program will be entirely voluntary and no tax dollars will be used (user based fees

only). The Committee is hoping to keep the user based fee under \$300/year. A public forum will be held at the Hudson Police Department on September 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

**Tobacco Regulation Update:**

Sarah McColgan presented information on several Massachusetts towns that have restricted flavored tobacco to adult-only stores and are currently in litigation with Cumberland Farms and Fletcher Tilton. Sarah stated that the attorneys she has spoken with feel that the municipalities will prevail. The Public Health Advocacy Institute will talk with municipalities that are considering the restriction and have provided legal help to some towns. The Commonwealth has a bill to move all flavored tobacco to adult-only stores and smoking bars, but there is no indication when or if it will pass.

Beth Langlois of Appleton Drive asked if Cumberland Farms would stop the lawsuits if they kept losing. No one had an answer.

Patrick Tinsley from Fletcher Tilton is the attorney who has filed the lawsuits. He has not appealed any of the court decisions that were found in favor of the towns.

Ms. Vaillancourt motioned that the Board hold a public hearing in November to discuss making an amendment to the current regulation to restrict flavor tobacco, including mint, menthol, and wintergreen, to adult-only establishments. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.