



Town of Dennis  
Board of Health  
Work Session Minutes  
September 26, 2019

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Kristen Keller,  
Health Director

Dennis Town Hall  
Nickerson Conference Room  
685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Covell, Vice Chairman Bunce, Members Duffy & McCormick

**Board Members Absent:** Mrs. Chamberlain

**Other Attendees:** Health Director Kristen Keller, Selectman Bob Mezzadri

**Call To Order:** Mr. Covell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## 1. Flavored Tobacco – Vaping

Discussion took place regarding the need/importance of moving forward. Board of Health members tasked Kristen Keller with putting together regulations for November Board of Health Meeting.

## 2. CBD

Discussion regarding sample letter distributed at Health Agents coalition meeting. Board would like letter to be sent to all establishments with Food Service Licenses.

## 3. Service Animals

Health Director talked about PSA that was done in June alongside of Animal Control, Council on Aging, as well as Mass Office of Disabilities. Potentially put information on website.

## 4. Advertising Continued Variance & Show-Cause Hearing Requests

Per Legal, this is not required. Mr. Bunce felt that it was important for people to know, however if it continued matter, it would have most likely been at first hearing. No need to continue advertising as public can see item on Agenda.

## 5. Plastic Bottle Ban

Selectman Mezzadri informed the Board that this item was placed and supported by the Selectman. Discussion regarding what is really being accomplished by doing so.

- Chris McCormick questioned what the alternatives would be.
- Mr. Mezzadri – in a can. Not boxes as they are not recyclable.

The Board of Health members feel it is inconvenient for a lot of people, and what will be next. Chariman Covell wants to say the Board of Selectman are the face of the Town, a policy making Board. The Board of Health is a regulatory Board. The Board of Selectman have a public persona – expected to do it. Mr. Covell is not a fan of supporting the ban, unless 1 or more Board of Health members support the ban. Mr. Covell suggests tabling the matter. Mr. Bunce would like more information in future. He thought after Town meeting that it had gone away. Mr. Duffy does not think it would change anything.

## 6. Town of Dennis Open Space & Recreation Plan comments

Chairman Covell asked Board members to read and take a position and let the Director know.

## 7. Illicit discharge bylaw

Illicit discharge – Health Director Kristen Keller talked about Illicit discharge bylaw. Informed Board members that the property located at 684-689 Main Street Dennisport will be coming in front of the Board on October 10, 2019. Mr. Mezzadri has been in touch with the State Department – mobile is removing tanks. Mr. Duffy questioned how water gets to sound. Kristen Keller explained through town's infrastructure. Mr. Bunce would like to see the documents as to what is going to be done.

## 8. New Food Code

Board discussed and took the position that only the establishments that meet the new definition of food establishments will be required to be licensed.

## 9. Municipal Vulnerability project

Health Director informed Board members of project. Will update the Board when we have a date for workshop.

## Other Issues Discussed

Re-Visited Tobacco issue:

Chris McCormick spoke as a member of the SUDAC as well as a Board of Health member on the topic of Tobacco. Board of Health did follow state laws, age was raised to 21. Selectman Mezzadri handed out a Tobacco community fact sheet.

28 Alexander Drive:

Chairman Paul Covell updated the Board. The Applicant's attorney is looking to add supplemental information. We voted on that the plan met the minimum state standards, we did not vote to approve a system on that property.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**