

# Town of Swampscott

## Board of Health

Minutes to meeting April 5, 2018

Board of Health April 5, 2018 6:37 PM Attending Marianne Hartmann, Emily Ciley, Allison Oxtan were joined by Jeffrey Vaughan, Health Director with Linda Paster, recording. Marianne Hartmann made motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting, voted unanimously.

### RECYCLING

The Board of Health opened its meeting with a conversation regarding the Board of Selectmen's interest in Mandatory Recycling. Mr. George Potts, a resident who is interested in this matter, was present and welcomed into the conversation. Emily Ciley stated that mandatory recycling is a forward moving turn and it is very environmentally conscious to use reusable cloth bags. Jeff Vaughan, Health Director, stated that everyone has to recycle anyway it shouldn't be a major change in habit. Recycling is an easy process now that we have combined pick-up. Mr. Potts question what the penalty might be for not participating. Jeff Vaughan stated that the first step would be to knock on the door and educate the homeowner, Step 2 would be policing the lack of recycling and more education, Step 3 could be a fine. Mr. Potts stated that some homes might not have the storage for recycling. Jeff Vaughan stated that Danvers has instituted a no recycling/ no trash pick up policy. Ms. Hartmann asked if this is within the purview of the Board of Health. It was determined that it was based on the Board of Health is the trash overseer. This could become rule via a town by-law.

### VAPING FINES

Fines for Tobacco Violations; where does the money go? And who collects it? Jeff Vaughan said the Town Clerk is where the tickets are paid, however, isn't aware of any paid tickets. Either Marianne Hartmann or Jeff Vaughan will follow-up.

### OLD BUSINESS

Marianne Hartman will speak with Tasia Vasiliou and Charadonna this week to develop a plan for signage in dog-poop area's that would include warning of \$50 fine.

Emily Ciley spoke with the Ethics Commission and they advised not to go further with soliciting gift certificates as a reward for good deeds. This is a Conflict of Interest and if any have been received they need to be returned.

Marianne Hartmann stated that she had been hearing so many complaints about trash pick-up and delays. Jeff Vaughan explained that the Verizon and Cable wires hang low on the poles and these trucks knock off the wires if not very careful

### PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags recycle or Paper bags recycle that are super thin and tear. Plastic bags cost .10 and are recyclable, however, the handle breaks down. The produce bags that are provided don't recycle at all. Mr. Potts feels that a plastic bag ban would be unfair to the elderly who already have daily challenges. The other choice is that the plastic bags become an environmental hazard. Plastic bags don't break down and are bad for the environmental hazard to both land and sea. The Board agrees that there would be an adjustment period i.e. remembering to take your bags with you. Mr. Potts said he believes in environmental freedom over regulation. Board of Health closed the discussion to move on to

### HEALTH DIRECTOR

There is a new Mexican restaurant coming to Vinin Square known as Red Sauce

Signs are in place at Stanley School regarding poop pick-up

Trash will be reviewed for recycle education

Due to increasing trash disposal costs increases in overthrough sticker fees and a charge for a bulk item, may be implemented.

May – Recreation will open the Harold King State Forest, Health Dept. will offer tick education

### NEW BUSINESS

Alison Oxtan announced that there will be a beach clean up in the near future. Information to follow.

Marianne Hartmann will speak to Sean FitzGerald about the plastic bag situation and the possible transfer of the Animal Control unit to the Police Department

Jeff Vaughan stated that Animal Control has been requesting permission to take the van home to get better access for a call. The van is currently located at the Police Station and she comes from out of town.

Board of Health stated that the next meeting would be May 3, 2018 at 6 pm

Emily Ciley made motion to adjourn and was seconded. 9:30

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Paster

Clerk

