

## Town of Swampscott

### Board of Health

SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS 01907

The Board of Health, with Marianne Hartmann, Chairperson, Emily Cilley & Allison Oxtan in attendance, along with Jeff Vaughan, Health Director & Linda Paster recording attended its monthly meeting on April 23, 2019 opening at 6:30 pm. Also in attendance is Joyce Redford, Director of North Shore Tobacco Cooperative, meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Swampscott Town Hall.

#### Tobacco Nicotine Public Hearing

Allison Oxtan made motion to accept and approve the Tobacco Sales Regulation restricting tobacco and nicotine products as described in the DRAFT presented at March meeting.

Emily Cilley made a Motion to Amend adding Menthol, Mint, and Wintergreen. Motion was seconded.

The Board voted in the final draft as amended with a Unanimous vote the enactment date of July 1, 2019.

All in favor.

#### Girls, Inc

The grant, as discussed, would be for \$5,000 with the teachers at the Swampscott Middle School the target audience. Caitlin Leonard and Natalie wish to implement substance abuse curriculum, coordinate dates to clarify with Health class and Computers. They asked if they could see what other communities do with their curriculum.

The Board agreed that a coordinate curriculum between Middle School Health & Computer class would benefit by this grant. Girl's Inc. agreed.

#### Dog Waste

In attendance were several coaches and athletic staff. Dog waste is a huge problem on the playing fields and lack of enforcement is a problem. They stated the issue is being reactive and needs to be proactive. Couldn't the police patrol? When staff mention to the offender the need to pick up and or leash their pet, they are met with resistance. Dan asked if there could

be a \$50 fine for not having a poop bag. Matt Brogna, Little League, would love the town to allow the organizations to police and enforce these rules during games and practices.

People on Phillips Beach are letting their dogs run and the waste remains. What are the limits. Jeff Vaughan stated he walked the beach and found five piles of droppings.

Joe stated that at Little League practice, a gentleman had his dog out without a leash, when asked to leash the dog the person became confrontational.

Middle School principal has a bull horn to shout at offenders. Every practice at least three kids step in a pile.

The Dog Officer should ticket. There had been a discussion on DNA but that fell to the expense. The ball field is where they run and the sports organizations would like handouts.

Peter Spellios told the organizers to text the dog officer to get immediate response. People are rightfully hesitant to call 911 since the Dog Officer is dispatched out of the Police Department.

There is a fine for not picking up poop or having pet off-leash. At 7a.m in the morning six dogs were on the varsity field having a "play date"

Peter Spellios also told them they could change the by-law via Town Meeting to keep animals off the field. Matt Brogna said parks are where kids play, no dogs should be allowed.

The Animal Control Officer said between Swampscott and Marblehead he is on call just text him and he would go.

\*Send email to sponsor Town Meeting bill for dogs and look into Marblehead text system. \*

Swampscott needs a full-time Animal Control.

### School Update

Marianne asked if the air quality results taken at the Swampscott Middle School results had come in yet. They had been testing in and around the gym. Also asked about the Hadley testing and told there were no results. Allison Oxtan stated that there have been multiple tests but no fixes, no follow-up, the System fails, and no service is being done.

### Nurse

Vacant Public Health Nurse position. Jeff Vaughn is set to have a meeting with Sean FitzGerald and the Board. There are thoughts to regionalize the position and to push it over to after Town Meeting. The town has emergency staff who know the what and where if an issue happens. The job description is set and would be a 10 hour position.

Health Director

Metal drop off is the last Saturday of the month during April through October. Curbside yard waste is going well. There's a Rabies clinic set for May 7.

There is no work on the opening of the MexiCali Grill. There has been an inquiry into an adult tobacco store in Vinnin Square.

Emily Cilley made motion to close the meeting at 7:32 pm. Next meeting prior to Town Meeting on May 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted

Linda Paster

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