

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 February 26, 2019 opening at 6:00 pm. Allison Oxtan was unable to attend this meeting. Minutes to the January 23, 2019 meeting were accepted by all under Emily Cilley's motion.

Debra Newman

Ms Newman has filed a citizens petition regarding Cats: licensing, vaccinations, tagging etc *see petition* in the same was as dogs. She will be presenting this petition in front of Town meeting as a by-law. There are fifty-six municipalities in the state that include cats in this way. Fourteen locations prevent cats from roaming, noting that 35% of cats are outdoor. Cats are considered predatory to lower animal life. It is estimated that there are 94 million cats in the United States.

Ms. Newman thanked the Board for their time

Joyce Redford, North Shore Tobacco Control

Ms. Redford passed a copy of the Draft changed to the Tobacco rule. This change wishes to restrict flavored Tobacco products. This organization would like to restrict these products as it has reached an epidemic state. This Vaping product proposal would create a by-law that would restrict the sale of Vaping products to include the sale of flavored tobacco product. This products is not controlled by FDA and therefore there is no control over the nicotine or by-products used for this purpose. In one year there has been a 48% increase in use. These products are flavored i.e. peach, vanilla, licorice, fruity making them easier to inhale and easier to become addicted. All communities, with the exception of Lynn, in the collaborative have ruled out the flavored tobacco. The next step to create this by law would be to hold a Public Hearing Out of the Tobacco Permit holders 8-9 do not sell this product.

Allison Oxtan made a motion to accept the Draft for review, Emily Cilley 2nd the motion, Marianne Hartman so moved.

FDA pilot program recommends a compliance check with warning, \$500,\$1000 & suspension, & \$2500.

The Board needs to have a public hearing with time of meeting, at the Library 6 pm March 25th.

Health Director Report

Polystyrene

Composting: Black Earth

School Update – Allison Oxtan wants to see the report

Girls Inc Grant – Brainstorm how to utilize the \$5,000 grant

Organic Lawn – Open Space Committee wants to support Gino Cresta wants to see a test field to see how it goes first.

Dr. Jeffrey Gold has agreed to by the Public Information Officer

Sunday March 3, 2019 is the Health & Fitness Fair at Swampscott High School 10-12 pm

Meeting Adjourned 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted

Linda Paster