

Town of Abington  
Board of Health Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2013  
Buckley Room  
7:00pm

Members present: Bob Manning, Chairman, Linda Dickey, Margie Devlin, Bob Greenough, Sharon White, Health Agent

Bob M. calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Representatives from MHOA are present for Tobacco Control and will speak regarding new tobacco regulations.

Jackie Doane, Program Coordinator for Greater Boston Tobacco Free Community Partnership speaks to the Board regarding the statistics for Abington. She shows the Board cigars that are flavored. They are not taxed by the State of Massachusetts and are sold individually.

Sara McColgan from the MHOA states that the adult smoking rate in Abington is 31% higher than the State Wide smoking rate. An estimated 3,224 smokers live in Abington. 42% of Mass Health smokers living in Abington did avail themselves of these benefits. The rate of sales to minors is higher in Abington than the State average. Lung cancer rate of women in Abington is 58% higher than the State average and the mortality among females for lung cancer is 26% higher. These statistics were updated July, 2012. The FDA has checked stores 49 times in Abington and have had 2 warnings issued for tobacco violations. D'Ann's Restaurant due to a vending machine in a family restaurant and Abington Gas and Auto Repair sale to a minor. Sara passes out new regulations and lets the board decide which items they wish to have that is important to Abington. They briefly go over the regulations with discussion.

Christmas tree pickup:  
January 19, 2013

FY14 Budget  
Discussion

Health Agents Report  
See attached

Sharon explains that she spoke with the Attorney General Office regarding Old/New Business on agenda's and if there is an emergency that needs to be brought up, only the Chairman can address this otherwise you have to name off what the topic is under old/new business you wish to speak of.

Bob G motions to adjourn  
Linda seconds  
Unanimous

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Bob Manning, Chairman

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Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk

