

Town of Abington
Board of Health Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2013
Cotter Room
7:00pm

Member's present: Bob Manning, Chairman, Theresa Maze, Vice-Chair, Linda Dickey, Margie Devlin, Donna Hoffman, Sharon White, Health Agent, D.J. Wilson, Tobacco Control Director, Mass Municipal Assoc.

Bob calls the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Sharon reads aloud her Action Report regarding 800/806 Brockton Ave. rat issues.

The residents around the Green Street area voice their concerns regarding rats coming from the 800/806 Brockton Ave area.

Allen St
Linda St
Olson St
Linda St
Rice St
Isabelle St

Sharon explains to the audience that it is up to the residents as well to have no food or water source left outside as the rats will be attracted to that. Bob also explains that every resident has the right to contact the BOH to file any type of complaint against a business, neighbor etc...

The residents are concerned that some neighbors do not have the funds to have an exterminator come and take care of the infestation on their properties.

Kevin Beggs, Owner of 800/806 Brockton Ave speaks to the residents regarding what has happened to clean up the rat situation and to answer questions.

Bob explains that according to the State Regulations that each homeowner is responsible for their own property and own issues on their property. Bob also states that he will be bringing this issue to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager.

Mr. Beggs states that there was no rat problem at his establishments two years ago.

DJ Wilson – Tobacco Control Director

Sharon explains to the Board that she asked DJ Wilson to attend regarding the capping of the number of tobacco sales permits and for the definition of coupon.

DJ explains that the Dept. of Revenue puts out a minimum price list and if coupons are used it cannot "drive down" the price below the minimum.

DJ discusses Private Clubs.

Margie states that she had sent out an email to see if the Representative of the Knights of Columbus should attend a meeting. Bob states that is up to the Board on how they want to vote on it. Terry

mentions that if the Board decides this then the Pharmacy's should be present. Bob states that whatever Regulation is in effect the Board does need to have a public forum.
Sharon explains to the Board her inspection at the Knights of Columbus.

Motion

Bob would like to cap the limit of tobacco licenses to 29

Linda seconds

Discussion

Donna is opposed of continuing to allow the sales of tobacco and nicotine delivery products to just stay at a level that we are at. We are not sending any message to anyone regarding the health effects of it.

Margie opposes

3-1-1

Donna makes a motion to reduce the number of licenses to 27

No second

Coupons

Bob motions to allow the use of coupons to purchase cigarettes as long as the sales does not fall below the State minimum standard pricing

Terry seconds

Unanimous

Motion to rescind the first vote taken at the BOH meeting on May 20, 2013

Terry seconds

Unanimous

Linda makes a motion to ban smoking in all private clubs in Abington

Donna seconds

Margie opposes

4-1-0

Sharon explains the next step is to place a summary in the newspaper for a public hearing and when the new regulations go into effect.

Coombs Road Race

Bob motions to waive the temporary food permit fee for the 2013 road race

Terry seconds

Unanimous

Hazardous Waste Day

Bob states that we do not have the funding to operate a Hazardous Waste Day. He would like to issue a warrant in the fall to add \$5,000 to the current total of \$3,000 which should be enough money to run our own Hazardous Waste. Bob would rather wait until the spring or the other option would be to come up with a cost factor per car.

Discussion

Hazardous Waste Day will be postponed until the spring

Health Agent's Report (see attached)

Bob and the Board thank Meagan for her excellent work as an intern.
Meagan makes a presentation regarding a program she designed for the schools to recycle.
Meagan also shows the flyers she designed from a grant from DEP for resident mailing on trash and recycling, textiles, sharps etc...

Minutes

Terry motions to accept the minutes of July 15, 2013

Linda seconds

4-0-1

Margie motions to adjourn

Donna seconds

Unanimous

Bob Manning, Chairman

Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk