

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, June 5th, 2023

Location of Meeting: Medway Public Library, 26 High Street

Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance: Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Cristina St. Pierre ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

Visitors Present:

Town Employees Present: Derek Kwok, Justin Tucker

Call to Order: 5:42pm

Minutes Review: May 15th: Approved

Agenda Item 1:

*Public Hearing for
Proposed Tobacco
Regulations*

Ms. Smith motioned to open the meeting at 5:42 and informed the citizen attendees of the rules and regulations of the hearing. Ms. Tonelli seconded the motion to open the public hearing, approved by all. Rony Saad of Main St. Shell at 86 Main St. spoke. Mr. Saad stated they are a family owned business that has been in Medway for about 2 ½ years now. Mr. Saad was in favor of a large amount of the regulations. Mr. Saad mainly had concerns with Subsection G of the proposal, "Cigar Sales and Regulations." Mr. Saad stated that the town currently has a \$2.50 regulation on single cigars and a \$5 regulation on multi-pack cigars, which he believes causes a loss of sales to surrounding towns. The new regulations increase these amounts, to which Mr. Saad stated he believes will only hurt business more. Mr. Saad reiterated that he understands and is in favor of preventing sales to minors, but there are other solutions besides raising the price like better enforcing the current laws and bringing education about the dangers of tobacco to schools. Mr. Saad stated that his business is invested in being in Medway for the long term. Mr. Saad urged the Board to reconsider increasing the regulation amount especially in these times of inflation that are difficult for consumers.

Susan Dietrich, part of "SUP-Medway Coalition" spoke to thank the Board of Health with their approach and investment in preventing youth tobacco use and their help in achieving their common goals.

Ms. Smith motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all except for Ms. St. Pierre who abstained from voting.

Agenda Item 2:

124 Fisher Street
(New Septic)

Mr. Kwok received the new plan and recommended approval.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all except for Ms. St. Pierre who abstained from voting.

Agenda Item 3:

8 Juniper Road
(Septic Repair)

Mr. Kwok recommended tabling the plan as it still needs work.

Mr. Abdi motioned to table, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.

Agenda Item 4:

7 Millbrook Road
(D-Box Repair)

Mr. Kwok informed that the repair has been done.

Mr. Abdi motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.

- Agenda Item 5:**
116 Winthrop Street (D-Box Repair)
- Mr. Kwok stated that he still needs to receive the proper planning application before he issues the construction permit.
- Mr. Abdi made a motion to approve on the condition Mr. Kwok reviews the application, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all.*
- Agenda Item 6:**
3 Applegate Road (Irrigation Well)
- Mr. Kwok stated the location and plan adheres to regulations.
- Mr. Abdi motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all approved by all.*
- Agenda Item 7:**
6 Woodland Farms (Food Permit)
- Mr. Kwok stated this was a residential food application. They are bagging dried teas. Mr. Kwok recommended approval with the condition they pass the preoperational approval process.
- Mr. Abdi motioned to approve on the condition they pass the pre-op approval, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all approved by all.*
- New Business:**
1. New Board member Cristina St. Pierre introduced herself to the Board. Ms. St. Pierre has a background in science and drug discovery. She is currently working in oncology research in a project management role.
 2. Mr. Kwok stated that the mosquito spraying should start soon.
 3. Mr. Kwok stated he was approached by the Town Manager's office about the vacancy left by Mr. Mill. Mr. Kwok read an excerpt from the town charter informing the Board they are to submit a written notice to the Select Board informing them of the vacancy. The Select Board and the remaining members of the Board of Health will then fill the vacancy at a joint meeting called by the Select Board. Mr. Kwok stated he could give the written notice to the Select Board. Mr. Kwok stated he knows of one candidate at the moment. The Select Board is setting a date of June 20 for the joint meeting.
 4. The Board discussed nominations for the positions of chair and vice chair of the Board.
- Ms. Tonelli nominated Mr. Abdi for the position of chair, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.*
- Ms. Tonelli nominated Ms. Smith for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Abdi, approved by all.*
- Discussion:**
1. Animal Regulations - Mr. Kwok stated the regulations still haven't been reviewed by legal.
- Committee Member Roll Call to Complete Meeting:**
- Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Cristina St. Pierre ☒ Caryn Smith ☒
- Next Meeting Date:**
- Tuesday, June 20th 2023
- Adjourn:**
- 6:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Justin Tucker