Dracut Board of Health
Minutes
January 21, 2016

Present: Chairperson Evan Themeles, Vice Chairman, Louis Rousseau, Clerk, Paul Enis, Jill Laffin, the Public Health Agent and Marylee Enos, Secretary. The meeting was held at the Town Hall, 62 Arlington St, Dracut, MA.

Chairperson Evan Themeles called the meeting to order 5:00p.m.

Minutes:
Louis Rousseau made a motion to approve the December 3, 2015, meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Enis. The motion passed unanimously

Tabaco Control:
Public Health Agent, Jill Laffin explained to the board that she received an email from Ron Beaurgard, from the Healthy Communities Partnership, the Director from our Tabaco Control Program, stating that they just finished their 272 compliance checks, which goes through all Towns that are in our Partnership.

From the 272 checks, it resulted in 70 sales to minors. Twelve of those were in Dracut. Most were sales of cigars, (e- cigarettes) that sell for about one dollar. That was pretty much across the boards, what they were getting the underage sales on, in all these towns.

Ron wanted to let the board know that Tewksbury is considering a flavor restriction and a Minimum price on the cigars. He also wanted to let the board know that the store across from Dracut High School, Speedy Swampi Mart, has quite a big display of the e cigarette flavor juice.

Ron told Ms. Laffin he noticed that when he checked out the store. , Ms. Laffin explained if we go with the proposed flavor restriction language that Ron had talked about last time that would restrict such a display in a store that admits anyone under 18 years of age.

Ms. Laffin explained that the Superintendent, Steven Stone and a teacher from the High School also complained to the Board of Health about that store and what they sell. They get most of their foot traffic from the High School.

Chairperson Themeles stated he would like to revisit this at the March Meeting.

Michaels One Stop – 2nd Offense – tobacco sales to minor:
Michaels One Stop was the only store that had a second offense. They were fined $200.00 dollars. They were scheduled to come in front of the board tonight, but it had to be postpone until the next meeting because of scheduling conflict with Ron Beaurgard.

Old Business:
Pipeline:
Chairperson Evan Themeles stated he would like a thank you letter sent out to Representive Colleen Garry for filing the legislation, for there to be baseline studies, if in fact one comes in, whether it's Kinder Morgan or anybody else. That would state, during construction and every six months, then every year, they would have to be a baseline study done. Mr. Themeles stated he would be in the office soon to work on the letter with Ms. Laffin.

New Business:
Dr, Rousseau explained to the board that they are still ticketing 114 Broadway Rd. Mr. Lachut did pull a permit to take down his sheds. Ms. Laffin stated he is looking for someone to demo.

Dr. Rousseau also stated that the Town has started ticketing 70 Baldwin Rd. which is an Abandoned property. Ms. Laffin explained that it is bank owned and was getting ready to be Foreclosed on. Dr. Rousseau explained that the owners walked away from the property.

Mr. Enis explained his concern with the mess on Chapman St, there is a lot of trucks and vans on the right hand of the street. Chairperson Themeles stated it has been an eyesore for a very long time. Dr. Rousseau stated he will check it out.

Ms. Laffin explained that we got our Emergency Dispensing Site Report back from the State. This report comes out from our Flu Clinic, which is basically a walk through trial, if there was an Emergency situation in Town and we had to vaccinate x amount of people, we would be prepared on what to do and how to have it set up.

Ms. Laffin explained that we had people from the State come in and watch us, to make sure we are doing everything the way it should be done during the clinic .Ms. Laffin stated that Mia Eligswoth, from the state who did the report, had nothing but great things to say. Deputy Rich Patterson also stated that is the best report we have in 6 or 7 years. Ms. Laffin stated with the new staff in the office it was great to hear we did so well. We also have a good group of Volunteers and a big help with Rich Patterson.

Next Meeting:
February 18, 2016

Paul Enis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm, seconded by Evan Themeles, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Health

Evan Themeles, Chairman

Louis R Rousseau, Vice Chairman

Paul Enis, Clerk