



City of Westfield, Massachusetts
Health Department

Board of Health Meeting
Room 220
March 13, 2019

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Teresa Mitchell, M.D. Michael Paquette

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. The Minutes of the January 9, 2019, meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed. Under public participation, Ms. Shanice Smith was present. The Board began discussing items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Shanice Smith introduced herself to the Board. She is a senior attending Westfield State University studying Urban Planning. She currently holds a Medical Assistant Certificate.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Update and Discussion on Current Board of Health Regulations – Currently, no license is needed to sell CBD/hemp oils. There are no regulations as to how these are made, how they are sold in stores, or in what type of containers they should be stored. These are similar to vitamins and herbal products in which the City has no authority to regulate.

Vaping Discussion – Vaping has become a problem in our schools because of the easy access to vaping materials in local stores. It was confirmed that at least one establishment in the City has been selling such items to under-age students. Mr. Rouse advised the Board that he will be conducting sting operations in the very near future. The current regulations may need to be reviewed and amended so as to include a minimum display height.

Drug Task Force Update – Coordinator, Kathleen Sitler, has submitted her letter of resignation to the Mayor. Joseph Rouse has met with the Mayor in this regard, however, has not yet had the opportunity to meet with Kathy.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Recent Radon Test Results – Health Inspector Thomas Hibert distributed a spreadsheet to the Board showing the properties where radon tests had been conducted. He explained the results, indicating the areas with the highest ratings. In the neighborhoods where a given home tested very high, notices were left at the neighboring residences offering the owners the opportunity to test their homes free of charge.

New Septic Installers Exam – The current exam is outdated and confusing. Mr. Hibert drafted a new proposed exam which he presented the Board, along with a revised policy. A motion to

accept the new Disposal Works Installers Exam, as well as the policy around taking the exam, number of times in which it can be taken, and passing score was made and seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Carnes	--	Yes
Mitchell	--	Yes
Paquette	--	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

Kosinski Biomix Request – A request has been submitted for an extension of the prior approved project on Neck Road. A motion was made and seconded to grant a 90-day extension to the Kosinski Biomix Project.

The vote was as follows:

Carnes	--	Yes
Mitchell	--	Yes
Paquette	--	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

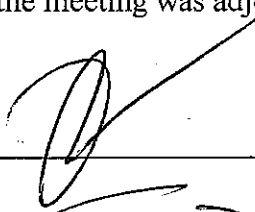
LANDFILL:

Residential Drop-Off Changes – The City Auditor has advised that no cash can be accepted at the Transfer Station per state mandate. Mr. Rouse suggested that entrance permits be eliminated and the implementation of pay-as-you-throw bags be considered as a way to offset the loss of revenue as a result.

Upcoming Projects and Modifications – To be discussed at a later date.

With no further items on the agenda to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



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Next anticipated meeting date: April 10, 2019