

January 8, 2013

Meeting Opened: 7:30 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringham; Claire Wolfram; Lisa Procaccini; Richard Beauregard

Others Present: Dr. Lester Hartman, Thomas Jackson, Hyong Kim – Public Hearing Tobacco Sale Regulations
Jason Coop, Dalton’s Package Store – Tobacco Sales Violation

MOTION: made by Claire Wolfram that the Board of Health accepts the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting as amended. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-1.
4 – in favor – William Morris, Carol Johnson, Richard Bringham, Claire Wolfram
1 – abstained – Lisa Procaccini

Public Hearing Tobacco Sales Regulations:

Documents/Exhibits – Town of Walpole Tobacco Regulations; letter dated 1/8/13, Assaad Nasr.

MOTION: made by William Morris to open the public hearing Tobacco Sales Regulations. Roll Call: Richard Bringham – aye; Lisa Procaccini – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Claire Wolfram – aye; William Morris - aye. 7:36 PM.

William Morris addressed everyone present stating that the Board of Health scheduled tonight’s public hearing after Dr. Hartman presented a compelling argument, at the October 9, 2012 meeting, why the Board should consider amending its current tobacco sale regulations and increase the purchase age of tobacco from 18 to 21 years, and that tonight’s hearing is to obtain public input on the matter. Dr. Hartman opened the discussion reiterating research findings indicating the longer an addictive behavior (such as smoking) can be delayed (the adolescent brain isn’t fully developed by age 18), the less likely the behavior will be developed as an adult. Also, because a majority of 18 year olds are still in high school, by limiting their access to cigarettes you also limit access to under classmen who may purchase cigarettes through them. Dr. Hartman said he is meeting with local public health boards in the area asking them to consider amending their tobacco sale regulations. Thomas Jackson, Dalton’s Package Store and Hyong Kim, East Walpole Package Store (only 10% of their business is tobacco sale related) questioned whether a change to Walpole’s regulations would deter young adults from purchasing cigarettes when they can legally buy them in a neighboring community. Mr. Kim said a state wide regulation, would be more effective. Dr. Hartman said change at a local level is a good starting point and nurse Lilly Smolinsky (observing the meeting for a class) agreed. For the record, the Board of Health recognized a letter from Assaad Nasr, Walpole Gulf, 975 Providence Hwy, stating his opposition to any regulation change. Lisa Procaccini said, and Claire Wolfram agreed, that at age 18 a person has the legal right to vote, join the military, how can we say their not old enough to purchase a package of cigarettes. William Morris said that historically the Board of Health has been proactive in amending its tobacco regulations and thanked everyone for their comments.

MOTION: made by William Morris to close the public hearing. Roll Call: Richard Bringham – aye; Lisa Procaccini – aye; Claire Wolfram – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; William Morris aye. 8:02 PM.

William Morris said that the Board of Health will take under advisement comments made at tonight's meeting and asked that the matter be scheduled for the February 12, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

Public Hearing Tobacco Control Violation – Dalton's Package Store, 944C Main Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice to appear dated 12/18/12; tobacco compliance check form dated 12/8/12.

MOTION: made by William Morris to open the public hearing Dalton's Package Store Tobacco Control Violation. Roll Call: Richard Bringham – aye; Lisa Procaccini – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Claire Wolfram – aye; William Morris - aye. 8:03 PM.

Store Manager, Jason Coop apologized to the Board for the tobacco sale violation and said that the person that made the sale was a new employee and was very upset to learn about the violation. Mr. Coop said that he has reviewed again with her the "We Card" program and that all employees review the program annually. Mr. Coop said the store policy is if for any reason an employee has doubts about making a sale, do not make it. Mr. Coop assured the Board of Health he is confident a second violation will not occur. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Coop for the actions he has taken to address the violation and reminded him that the Board of Health takes tobacco sale compliance very seriously and therefore, does not want to see him again with a second violation.

MOTION: made by William Morris to close the public hearing. Roll Call: Richard Bringham – aye; Lisa Procaccini – aye; Claire Wolfram – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; William Morris aye. 8:16 PM

Special Permit – 14 Renmar Avenue:

Documents/Exhibits – Special Permit application (on file Zoning Board of Appeals); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Special Permit – 14 Renmar Avenue to increase the impervious surface for required parking.

MOTION: made by Lisa Procaccini that the Board of Health has no comment regarding the Special Permit application to increase the amount of impervious cover at 14 Renmar Avenue. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

Norfolk County Mosquito Control:

Documents/Exhibits – Norfolk County Mosquito Control Notification dated 12/18/12.

The Board of Health reviewed the notification from Norfolk County Mosquito Control regarding their annual public budget review meeting January 17, 2013. Included in the presentation will be information about changes to this summer's ULV spraying. Ms. Chapell said that they will no longer be spraying in neighborhoods in the early morning, but rather late afternoon when adult mosquitoes are more active.

Town of Walpole Annual Report 2012:

Documents/Exhibits – Health Department's annual Town Report information.

Board of Health members reviewed the Health Department's annual report to be published in the 2012 Town Report.

Pneumococcal/Influenza Clinics:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that a Pneumococcal/Influenza clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013, Town Hall, 3:30 – 5:00PM. Ms. Chapell said this will be the third flu clinic held this season and that an adult pneumonia vaccine will also be available. Carol Johnson and Claire Wolfram said they were available to help at the clinic.

Update:

Walpole MRC –Recognition of Kathi Garvin as “Change Maker of the Week”:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that Kathi Garvin was recognized as a “Change Maker of the Week” during halftime at the December 30th New England Patriots football game. Ms. Chapell said that Ms. Garvin received at the ceremony a \$1000 donation for the Walpole Medical Reserve Corps.

School Garden Project:

The Health Director informed the Board that the School Garden Project at the Elm Street School is on track and that numerous grant applications for additional funding for the project have been submitted. Ms. Chapell said that she along with the school nurses that attended the Johnson & Johnson School Health Leadership Program last July, have been invited to speak at a School Health Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida in June.

Correspondence:

Flu Update – Flu activity increasing

Walpole Police Dept. & Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Awareness – Drug & Alcohol Issues

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Meeting Closed: 8:32 P.M.