

Lincoln Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Donaldson Room, Town Offices

Members Present: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Steven Kanner, MD
Patricia Miller
Others Present: Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meetings will be on February 6, 2019 in the Donaldson Room. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting as amended. Steven Kanner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Discussions:

Cannabis Activities in Lincoln – Dr. Kanner said that the Marijuana Study Committee is not meeting since the Town voted no on marijuana activity in Town, including growing and selling. The Board of Health is supportive of the Town's no vote on cannabis activity until there is time to see how this works out in other towns for the protection of our youth. After reviewing the 2018 Town Report, Dr. Kanner made a motion to amend the BoH Town Report to show the Board's approval of the Town's no vote on cannabis activities in Lincoln. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Revision to Tobacco 21 Regulation – After a discussion with Dr. Lester Hartman on September 12, 2018, the members agreed that the flavored vaping systems such as JUUL are an abomination and felt that the Tobacco 21 Regulation should be revised to include these products. Dr. Kanner made a motion to amend the language in the Tobacco 21 Regulation to further include all flavored nicotine systems like vaping sold in stores or selling any flavored products to any under 21. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Further Information on Septic Reviews – In order to fully understand the need for variances on new septic systems, Dr. Mansfield made a motion that all variances requests need to have a statement from the septic designer explaining why the variances are needed along with any photographs that would be helpful. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Tips for Health Households – The members and staff will look into inserting tips for how to keep kitchens sanitized, proper handling of poultry, risks of lettuce and healthy living in general. We will look at other Towns and what they do about notifying the public of sanitation issues and revisit this at a future meeting.

Recent Leaf Blower Committee issues – The Leaf Blower Committee has recently been before the Board of Selectmen in order to sponsor an article before Town Meeting in March for a Town wide regulation on the banning of using gas leaf blowers at certain times of the year. The Board worked with the Committee to write a letter to the businesses in the Lincoln Station area to restrict the use of leaf blower use by limiting the times of the year when they could be used. This met with some success but now the Committee would like to put a warrant article with the Conservation Commission that would place certain restrictions Town wide. The members felt that this was more of an annoyance issue rather than a health issue in most parts of Town due to the large lot areas. The Selectmen felt that there had not been enough public hearings and suggested that the Committee do some publicity and come back to them at a February meeting to let them know what public hearings had been held. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Plastic Bottle & Bag Ban – On January 4, 2019, Stan Sosnicki made his first inspection of establishments to be sure they are not using plastic bags or selling plastic water bottles. In his report, Stan said that all establishments open at this time were in compliance with the bans.

Bills Paid – Town of Lexington - \$352.80 (Aug. 11 event), \$416.85 (Sept. 16 event) and \$931.35 (Oct. 13 event) and \$805.11 (Nov. 3 event); East Middlesex Mosquito Control - \$2,575 (2st quarter) and \$2,575 (2nd quarter) and \$2,575 (3rd quarter); Emerson Hospital Home Care - \$1,415 and \$1,450 (Town nurse); Eliot Community Human Services - \$1,250 (1st quarter); Town of Lincoln - \$164.40 (police detail for flu clinic)

There being no further business, Patricia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven Kanner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine M. Carroll