

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for February 6, 2019

Present at meeting:

Donald Ranieri, Chairman
Bridget Sweet, Vice Chairman
Ciera Maffei, Clerk

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent
Leeanne Kerwin, Secretary

Visitors:

Christopher Tran
Christopher Wong

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from their January 9, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ranieri made a motion to accept the minutes; Ciera Maffei seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of the Tobacco Regulation Amendments.** Don Ranieri opens the floor to the public for comments. Christopher Tran, owner of Elite Vapor, introduces himself and one of his store managers, Christopher Wong. They are attending the meeting to get an understanding of the new tobacco regulations and how these regulations may pertain to their business. David McKearney explains the changes in detail: changing the legal age to purchase to 21 (as most of the communities in the Commonwealth are doing); addition of new definitions to the regulation (ie. an adult-only retail tobacco store, which Christopher Tran represents). He explains that they are proposing a ban on the flavored tobacco products and e-juices, only allowing them to be sold in retail tobacco stores. By restricting those flavored products to the retail-only adult, it limits every day access to younger children; and capping the number of retail tobacco permits being issued at 32. Retail tobacco stores that do a lot of vape-type products would still be able to get a permit to run an adult-only tobacco store. Donald Ranieri explains that three flavors will still be allowed in the convenience stores. Christopher Tran gives a lengthy explanation of his business, his processes for certification, where and how his e-juices are made and how it has differed from the past. David McKearney questioned Mr. Tran on the safety and issues relative to the devices that are used for vaping. Mr. Tran explains that safety issues primarily happen to advanced users with advanced devices.

Don Ranieri makes a motion to close the public hearing; Ciera Maffei seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

Don Ranieri makes a motion that on February 6, 2019, the board has decided to move forward with the Amendment to the Tobacco Regulations and that these regulations will become enacted on April 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ciera Maffei and unanimous by all.

- **Special Permit & Site Plan, Upper Union Street – Solar Farm** – David McKearney explains that this is one of three that are in the works currently. No other comment.
- **Site Plan Modification, 27 Forge Parkway** – No comment.
- **Eversource, 45-Day Yearly Operational Plan Public Notice** – No comment.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Health Director and Health Agent provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department during the month of January.
- David McKearney explains that for Fiscal 2020 the expense lines will be at \$25,000 - office expenses are \$4,250 of that and the rest is for the consultant.

The Chairman opens the floor for any new business and there is none.

The Board Chairman asks if there was any citizen's commentary and there was none.

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bridget Sweet and the meeting was voted unanimously to adjourn.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Room 110.

Transcribed by: Leeanne Kerwin, Secretary