

BOARD OF HEALTH
Hearing Room, Second Floor, City Hall: 210 Main Street
February 15, 2018 Minutes

BOH Members Present: Suzanne Smith; Cynthia Suopis and William Hargraves

BOH Members Absent: Joanne Levin

Staff: Merridith O’Leary, Director and Melissa Roberts-Cote, BOH Clerk

Staff Absent: None

Meeting opened February 15, 2018 at 5:30 pm by Suzanne Smith

I. Public Comment Session: Ananda Lennox, Coalition Coordinator-Northampton Prevention Coalition shared the feedback that she received from the Northampton Student Body and their take for the up and coming Adult use of Marijuana and its effect in the community.

II. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018

Motion: Approved: Motion made by Cynthia Suopis to accept the January 18, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by William Hargraves. All were in favor (3-0).

III. Discussion: Lori and Jeffrey Schott, Owners-Euphoria Float Spa-Review Water Quality Requirements

Euphoria Float Spa is requesting that the Northampton Board of Health review the current regulation and consider a revision of the testing that is required for Coliform, Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) and Pseudomonas Aeruginosa from twice a month to once a month. Twice monthly testing has been conducted since the opening on January 18, 2016. The Board of Health Regulation reserves the authority to increase the amount of water quality testing if deemed necessary.

Motion: William Hargraves made a motion to change the required testing to monthly for Coliform, Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) and Pseudomonas Aeruginosa with the caveat that should an elevated result surface the previous bi-monthly testing be reinstated seconded by Cynthia Suopis at 5:50 pm. All in favor (3-0).

IV. Discussion: Review and Discussion of Draft Regulation 935 CMR 500 Adult Use of Marijuana

Northampton Board of Health conducted a discussion regarding the Draft Regulation 935 CMR 500 and the upcoming City Council Meetings and how they plan to proceed as a voice for the community. The Board envisioned how the Cannabis Control Commission might conduct permitting and inspecting of these establishments. The Board identified that the top matters they would like the City Council to hear would be to utilize the 3% taxes for prevention efforts and putting a cap on the number of Establishments in the City just as is

done with Liquor and Tobacco. The Board will attend the council meetings that address the particular matter to gain information and speak on behalf of the Board of Health and the health of the community.

Presentation: Ananda Lennox, Coordinator, Northampton Prevention Coalition

Northampton Prevention Coalition Coordinator (NPC) Ananda Lennox presented to the Northampton Board of Health regarding youth data and marijuana. While the City of Northampton does not currently fund any of the prevention specialists, the NPC is concerned for our youth with exposure, use and harmful effects. The NPC presented data from their Prevention Needs Assessment Survey that was conducted providing self-reported data by the Northampton 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. NPC survey presented that youth risks based on research agreed that youth use rates for consumption increase with exposure. NPC would like to see the local 3% tax utilized to fund prevention efforts for the City of Northampton keeping youth in mind, ensuring healthy development, avoiding addictions, and education for the public for potential risks from use.

V. Department Updates:

- A. Director O’Leary has informed the Board of a complaint regarding Chemiplastica Corporation located at 238 Nonotuck Street. The complaint was in regard to particulate matter of a white fibrous substance which was found by the Health Department Inspector. Director O’Leary put in a formal complaint with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and they started their initial inspection. Director O’Leary is looking to have the substance tested to determine what it is. The line of communication has been limited with the Health Department and Chemiplastica and may result in a cease and desist order.

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Motion made to close the Board of Health Meeting by William Hargraves, seconded by Suzanne Smith, all in favor (3-0)

Meeting closed at 6:38 PM.

The next scheduled Board of health Meeting: March 15, 2018

Melissa Roberts-Cote, BOH Clerk

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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.

These documents are available for review at the:

Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

- Meeting Agenda
- January 18, 2018
- Massachusetts Draft 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana
- Northampton Prevention Coalition Data
- Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association Article