

BOARD OF HEALTH
Hearing Room, Second Floor, City Hall: 210 Main Street
October 18, 2018 Minutes

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

BOH Members Absent: Joanne Levin

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

Staff Absent: None

Meeting opened October 18, 2018 at 5:34 pm by Suzanne Smith

I. Public Comment Session: James Winston made a comment to the Board Members regarding the Smoke-Free Central Business District. He is extremely supportive of the changes, “I really can’t think of any negative at all”, said Winston, an Attorney with a practice downtown.

II. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2018

Motion: Approved: Motion made by William Hargraves to accept the September 20, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Laurent Levy. Vote (4-0).

III. Variance Request: Barbara Willard Weyant - Requesting a Variance for Vending Wild Mushrooms

Barbara Willard Weyant presented to the Board of Health her plans for harvesting wild mushrooms. Ms. Weyant advised the Board of her credentials and is requesting a variance to the Federal and State Food Code 105 CMR 590 to harvest Hen of the Woods and Chicken mushrooms with the intent to sell to vendors at Farmers Markets. Ms. Weyant will be harvesting from her 24 acre land that is inspected by the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Weyant is going to create a plan with more specific intentions on harvesting, packaging and shipping and follow up with the Director Merridith O’Leary.

IV. Public Forum

The Northampton Board of Health held a forum to get input on its proposal to ban smoking in the downtown business districts. The proposal would ban smoking in public places in the Northampton Central business and Florence Central Business Districts. The ban would not apply to any private outdoor areas.

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Meeting closed at 5:57 PM.

Motion made to close the Board of Health Meeting by Cynthia Suopis seconded by Laurent Levy all in favor (4-0)

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: November 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
- September 20, 2018 Draft Minutes
- Regulation of the City of Northampton Board of Health Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places
- Variance Request by Barbara Willard Weyant for vending wild mushrooms