

Regular Meeting
Milford Board of Health
November 15, 2022

Members Present: Leonard Izzo, Chairman, Paul Mazzuchelli
Others present: Lisa Tamagni, Interim Health Director, Joan Clarico, Minutes Clerk

At 4:35pm Chairman Leonard Izzo called the meeting to order.

Board of Health Tobacco Control Alliance – State Funded Inspections

Lisa Tamagni explained that the Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance is funded by the Department of Public Health and would do all our compliance checks, issue fines and monitor license suspensions. She asked the board if they would appoint them as our tobacco control agent. Paul Mazzuchelli said we don't have the time or the staff to do these tobacco compliance checks. Paul Mazzuchelli made a motion to appoint the Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance to be our tobacco compliance agent on a year-to-year appointment. Chairman Leonard Izzo seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Tobacco Violation

Health inspector Joan Clarico said there were 8 Licenses that had violations during the week of October 24th through the 28th. Six establishments were fined for selling Blunt Wraps, which were prohibited in the Town of Milford on January 20, 2015. They were Ali Sunoco, which has an appeal pending, West Street Liquors, which was also fined for employer failure to provide a smoke free workplace/establishment, Cedar Street Market, Main Street Market, Milford Mini Mart, and Route 109 Mobil, which has also been notified by the Department of Revenue that they will be suspending their license for 30 days for selling untaxed tobacco products. Matt's Hydroponics was fined and has served a 3-day suspension for offering for sale a flavored tobacco product or tobacco flavor enhancer.

Interim Director Lisa Tamagni said the tobacco regulations have changed so much over the past years and just recently with the fine amounts increase that it has become difficult to keep up. She recommended that we update the current regulations for State and Local, simplify them with the proper terminology, then distribute them to the permit holders.

Tobacco Permit Updates

Health inspector Joan Clarico presented the Board with an updated permit template which would now include the DOR license numbers and the permit owner's name. The board approved unanimously.

Inspection Regulations

Inspector Joan Clarico made a request that the board allow her to add reasonable regulations that are stronger than the State and FDA Food Code that she feels are necessary in order to assure food safety in the town. Paul Mazzuchelli said to use Chapter 111, Section 31 that give Boards of Health the authority to make rules and regulations that are a little more stringent than the code and if there is no code it allows the board to write one. Once completed present them at a future board meeting for approval.

- Person in Charge should be available in the establishment at least at some point each day of operation.
- Cardboard re-use restrictions
- Liners and sanitize wipes stocked in baby changing tables.

Repeat offenders (Markets)

Interim Director Lisa Tamagni told the board the office is having trouble bringing some of the small markets up to standard with food code. She said they are selling misbranded chickens. The USDA requires exempt uninspected product to bear a label with certain information, also this product cannot cross state lines for sale unless it is federally inspected. Many times, during inspections these chickens are found in the markets freezers and the owners are told to remove them again and again. Paul Mazzuchelli said to write tickets, start with a warning and if they are found again, confiscate, and destroy them.

Upcoming changes in bulk and textile pick-up

Lisa Tamagni said the ban on textiles in the waste stream went into effect on November 1, 2022. Greg Nesta from Planet Aid, reached out to her to inquire about putting a large textile drop off pod in the town so residents would have a place to bring them at no cost. She said the bin would be monitored with cameras 24/7, they will call the police and report illegal dumping and the pod would be maintained daily by the company. She also said Planet Aid would like to start doing curbside pick-up as well. The board said to invite Greg Nesta into a meeting so this can be discussed further. In the meantime, the board asked M. Tamagni to talk with James Asam of the parks department to see if he could recommend a place to put the pod.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted respectively by Joan Clarico, minute clerk