

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
February 4, 2021 Minutes

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Antonia Blinn; Chair, Kasia Frenette; Clerk, Michael Healey, Leah Gillespie, Graham Wilson, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent, Justin Desrosiers; Mansfield Fire Chief

Guests: Momin Khan Simple Amenities (SA)

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Antonia Blinn.

III. Board Reorganization

Chairperson

- **Motion to nominate Antonia Blinn as Chairperson made by Mike Healey, 2nd by Graham Wilson. No other nominations.**
 - VOTE 4 approve, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion passes 4-0

Clerk

- **Motion to nominate Kasia Frenette as Clerk made by Mike Healey, 2nd by Leah Gillespie. No other nominations.**
 - VOTE 4 approve, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion passes 4-0

III. Consent Agenda

- **Motion to approve the consent agenda** made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.**
 - VOTE 5-0 Passes

**Motion to approve consent agenda made with the caveat that all but SA will be approved. A discussion will be had later in the meeting re. SA

IV. Simple Amenities - Permit Issues

Follow up with SA regarding their lack of retail and tobacco permits. Momin Khan present from SA Ms. Donovan-Palmer explained that there was a concern as SA had not submitted paperwork for their retail food establishment. Workers compensation affidavit and information from insurance was not on record. BOH is unable to process a permit until it is received.

Paperwork has been received as of 2/4/21 with policy number dates 1/29/21.

Mr. Khan was asked what the delay was and why paperwork was not in. Mr. Khan explained that he had planned to close the business 12/31/2020 which is why he did not submit the paperwork. His store has only been open 12-6 since last year. Covid has destroyed his business. Mr. Healey asked how long he has been in Mansfield and has he been aware of the proper procedures for permitting. Mr. Khan stated he has been at his location for four years and yes he is aware of the procedures. He again explained that he was not planning on remaining open. That was decided 12/30/20. Mr. Healey asked if he reached out to anyone at the Health Department to let them know he was going to stay open. Mr. Khan did not.

Mr. Healey explained to stay open Mr. Khan needs to follow the laws.

Ms. Blinn asked if there is a Department of Revenue (DOR) permit. There are 3 DOR permits, cigarette, tobacco and e-cigarette products. Permits were not in on the 11/30/20 required date for permitting. **Permits are now in place.**

Mr. Healey inquired as a board, what do we want to do when local businesses do not complete proper paperwork on time? We as a board can fine up to \$300.

- **Motion - made by Mr. Healey to waive Simple Amenities \$300 fine for not having the appropriate DOR paperwork in on time. With the understanding that employees will attend a training with the Health Department Staff by March 4, 2021 or the fine will be instituted. 2nd by Ms. Gillespie**
 - VOTE passes 5-0
 - **Motion - made by Mr. Healey to approve Simple Amenities nicotine permit. 2nd by Ms. Frenette**
 - VOTE 5-0 passes
- Simple Amenities may return tobacco products to the shelves as of 2/5/2021.**

IV. Acceptance of Minutes

October 5, 2020

- **Motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2020, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.**
 - VOTE 5-0 passes

January 21, 2021

- **Motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2021, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.**
 - VOTE 5-0 passes

V. COVID-19 Updates

Chief Desrosiers Update

- Case Numbers - 6.39% compared to 8.77% at the start of this year.
- Last Sunday thru Thursday 66 cases reported. This week only 18 cases have been reported.
- We are trending down which is also being seen in surrounding towns except for Easton. Possibly due to Stonehill.
- All first responders have had their first vaccine dose. Second dose starts next week.
 - We currently have all the vaccines we need to get this done.
- Order for vaccine doses to cover elderly housing placed.
- Vaccine ordering procedure is problematic.
 - Order is placed on Monday, told by Friday if order was approved and ships out to be received the following Wednesday.
- Vaccine distribution plans are in place with Andrea from elderly housing, teachers and other groups.
- FEMA will reimburse for all clinics PPE etc.
- Any info re. the vaccine will be published as soon as possible. We are doing all we can to get the vaccine out but it all is based on when we can get it.

Antonia Blinn Update

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has released new community education information regarding vaccination safety this week.

- Our Local Health Department (LHD) has the information available.
- If there are any community groups who are interested in having a presentation re. vaccine or COVID please reach out to the LHD. We can do this through zoom, go to webinars etc.
- Call LHD to schedule.

VI. Liaison to Select Board

- Ms. Blinn and Ms. Donovan-Palmer attended the Select Board Meeting.
- It was presented and explained to the board all of the work the LHD does and also the important work of the BOH at meetings and in the field.
- Each BOH member's background was shared to show the diversity of experience..
- The Select Board recommended expanding the BOH by two persons. This will be discussed with the town attorney.
- Mr. Healey inquired if there was any discussion of expanding the LHD. Ms. Blinn explained to the Select Board that there is a need for additional resources.
- Our liaison is Jess Apowitz and is open to working with the BOH.
- Sake was present at the Select Board meeting in regards to their recent capacity violations. The Select Board issued a warning but no additional fines.

VII. Food Establishment Violations

NONE

VIII. Health Agent Authorization to Approve Local Upgrades

The Board of Health agrees that the Health Agent has the authority to approve any local upgrade approvals for septic system upgrade. If additional guidance is needed it will be brought to the BOH for further discussion. (refer to the below regulations to support this)

15.402: Use of Local Upgrade Approvals or Variances

- (1) Local Upgrade Approvals may be granted by **Local Approving Authorities*** without review by the Department for required or voluntary upgrade of failed or nonconforming systems with design flows below 10,000 gpd in accordance with the terms and provisions of 310 CMR 15.402 through 15.405. Upgrade Approvals for required or voluntary upgrade of systems with design flows of 10,000 gpd or greater but less than 15,000 gpd which are failing to protect or are a significant threat to public health, and safety, welfare and the environment as set forth in 310 CMR 15.304 shall be approved by the Department.
- (2) Proposals for new construction or for increase in flow to an existing system other than in full compliance with 310 CMR 15.100 through 15.293 must seek and obtain a variance from the Approving Authority in accordance with the terms and conditions of 310 CMR 15.410 through 15.417.

***Title 5 defines the Local Approving Authorities:**

Local Approving Authority - The board of health or its authorized agent or an agent of a health district constituted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, § 27 acting on behalf of the applicable board of health.

IX. Plan to Review 2020 Goals and Objectives Upgrades

Ms. Blinn and Mr. Healey will update the 2020 Goals and Objectives and bring them back to the group in April.

Two categories to consider:

1. Identify any regulations that need to be updated
2. Identify any potential new regulations

Mr. Healey asked how we are monitoring compliance of plastic bags and straws.

- Ms. Donovan-Palmer included the Town Bylaws regarding plastic bags and straws as part of the permitting process.
- Owners were asked to initialize.
- These are town bylaws and not our bylaws. Town has instilled a \$100 fine for noncompliance.
- The focus will be on education this year vs. fining with what falls under our umbrella of Public Health.
- To date incidents are being dealt with on a case by case basis.

X. Department Updates

SAPHE GRANT UPDATES

- Household Hazardous Waste Program working with Norton, Mansfield and Foxboro
- 4/24/21 - Household Hazardous Waste Day
 - Hybrid Model - pre-register for curbside pickup
 - Traditional pickup at XFINITY with Jake Project Management.
- Grant will cover costs for all 3 towns for set up and dumpsters.
- Some waste will be an additional cost which the grant will cover that cost. i.e. a fire hydrant is an additional charge that not all towns may have so that will be covered by the grant
- Each town rep. will be present and will be responsible for their specific town. Cars will be counted and each town will then cover those costs.
- Mr. Healey asked if lead paint is accepted. No Latex Paint accepted. Mr. Healey was wondering if the grant could cover the cost of the packets to place in latex paint. The grant has been budgeted and there are no additional funds per Ms. Blinn.
- Mr. Healey suggested that our Town Green offer some type of disposal for Latex paint - additional discussion needed.
- Ms. Blinn suggested an educational session at Council of Aging. Ms. Donovan-Palmer stated that this was done last year and was well attended.

FOG

On track

Once this current COVID surge quiets down Mr. George and Ms. Donovan-Palmer plan to revisit and determine how they will move forward.

PFAS Nothin New

Social Media

- Wednesdays and Fridays there are auto generated messages uploaded to Facebook regarding pertinent information. Most recent being vaccine safety.
- Please feel free to share these messages on social media.
- Ms. Blinn explained that the Academic Volunteer Public Health Corps has created new **MASK UP** guidance based on the Executive Order. These informational signs reiterate the importance of wearing masks while in restaurants, especially when waitstaff is at the table.
- Ms. Donovan-Palmer has distributed signs to food establishments in town.

- If there are any other businesses who may benefit from this we can request the group to make additional signs.

XI. Visitor Comments

No visitors or pre-submitted questions or comments.

XII. Items not known 48 hours prior

None.

XIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 7:11pm made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.

VOTE 5-0PASSED

Kasia Frenette

Clerk

3/9/21

Date