



Town of Agawam

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BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

Agawam Town Hall, Health Department

36 Main Street

April 12, 2023 at 4:15 P.M.

Roll Call – present were Chairwoman Gladys Fernandez-Largay, Vice Chairwoman Mary Jo Safford, Lauren Kennedy Health Agent, Sherry Petrucci Public Health Nurse and Michelle Day Administrative Assistant. Member Mary Lee Bertrand is excused.

Handout distributed: TOR-2020-7 first and second reading

Meeting Called to order: 4:17 PM

Citizen Speak Time –None present

Approval of March Meeting Minutes –Approved by unanimous vote

New Business

- Health Department Staff-Michelle Day is the new Administrative Assistant.
- Six Flags Season Opening-Health Agent started the food inspection. Pool inspections will be at a later date. Six Flags is in the process of working on their Capital Asset Plan so the Health Agent pointed out that some concessions are “open air” and should be enclosed. They are also upgrading equipment and storage. Chairwoman Fernandez-Largay asked if there’s a timeline which might withhold the permit. Health Agent Kennedy said they’re working on them so it would not hold up any permits. Health Agent Kennedy will follow up a few times over the next couple months. Chairwoman Fernandez--Largay asked about the pools because of concerns from previous years. Health Agent Kennedy said yes, they did comply.

Old Business

- New Tobacco Places- (See handout) Health Agent Kennedy handed out the meeting minutes from the city council from the first and second reading of the tobacco ordinance. Health Agent Kennedy said there was a clerical error made in which there was a difference in wording. They removed the board of health



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recommendation of a cap and reduced on the tobacco permits. The fines are in line with the state.

- Smoke Vape & Things – Health Agent Kennedy received a complaint from a concerned citizen that the establishment was targeting low income customers. Health Agent Kennedy explained that there are extensive regulations, licensing and surprise under cover inspection by the state. The establishment was provided with all requirements and signage that is mandatory to be displayed. Due to the type of establishment, only 21 and over are allowed in the store.

School Nurse Activities

- Vacancies and staffing issues – Public Health Nurse states that all positions are filled.
- School supplies have been ordered for the new school year.

Public Health Nurse Activities

- Infectious Disease Cases – Covid in March 41 cases reported to the state, 3 flu cases. In April there were 11 Covid cases reported.

Adjournment- Adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:45 pm

Lauren Kennedy, Acting Health Agent