



MEETING POSTING

City of Melrose
City Hall
562 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Committee/Board: Board of Health
Meeting Day/Date/Time: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Location: Remote WEBEX Meeting

Call to Order: By Frank Brinchiero Time Called: 5:32 PM
Second by: Carol Ann Licitra

In Attendance/Roll Call:

Board Members: Carol Ann Licitra, Frank Brincheiro, Lillian Kelly (joined later due to issue with Webex conference access)

Health Department: Director, Anthony Chui M.P.H, Health Department Administrative Assistant, Denise Slane

Absent: N/A

Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2022 Meeting:

Due to issue with a board member not being able to get into the meeting the minutes were not voted on and will be added to the next meeting minutes for a vote.

Presentation of new Tobacco Regulations – Maureen Buzby

Discussion about the State and Local Tobacco Regulations and the request to update the local rules and regulations to align with the State.

Updated definitions as well as changes that incorporate new provisions in the law including:

- . Flavored tobacco/nicotine products are not allowed to be sold in Massachusetts
- . Flavor enhancers are not allowed to be sold in Massachusetts
- . E-cigarettes with a nicotine content greater than 35/mg per ml can only be sold in Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores which prohibit entry to anyone under age 21.
- . Fines for violations of state and local tobacco laws are \$1000 for a first violation; \$2000 for a second violation, and \$5000 for a third violation within any three-year period
- . The cigar minimum price will be increased to \$2.90 for any single cigar and to \$5.80 for any multi-pack
- . All customers purchasing tobacco products must have a valid ID indicating that they are 21 or older
- . A first sale-to-a-minor violation will result in a five-day suspension of the retailer's tobacco permit

. New signage requirements: “Massachusetts Law Regarding the Sale of Tobacco”; updated MLSA (Minimum Legal Sales Age); “The Sale of All Flavored Tobacco Products is Prohibited”; “Warning: E-Cigarettes Contain Nicotine” (required for stores that sell e-cigarettes or other vaping products), “Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Establishment” on the entrance to any adult-only store that restricts entrance to those age 21 and older.

Carol Ann Licitira made a motion to accept the updated definitions as well as changes that incorporate new provisions in the law.

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept the updated definitions as well as changes that incorporate new provisions in the law:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitira – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Carol Ann Licitira made a motion to increase the sale of tobacco products to a minor from a 3-day suspension to a 5-day suspension for a first offence and during that suspension all tobacco products must be removed from shelves.

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept increase the sale of tobacco products to a minor from a 3-day suspension to a 5-day suspension for a first offence and during that suspension all tobacco products must be removed from shelves:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitira – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Maureen stated that a date needs to be voted on for when the changes will go into effect.

Discussion was held that May 1st would be a good date and give us enough time to communicate to the local businesses.

Carol Ann Licitira made a motion to have the new rules and regulations discussed in the previous vote take effect on May 1, 2022.

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Further Discussion: None

Vote to have May 1, 2022 be the effective date of the new rules and regulations as discussed in the previous vote:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitira – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Health Director's Report:

New Department Name:

- The Mayor announced during his City address that the Health Department has been renamed the Health and Human Services Department. This new name will better align us with the expanding services that the Health Department will be offering.

COVID Updates:

- The Mayor lifted the mask mandate in the City's municipal building yesterday.
- The Department is asking that people still be respectful of those who choose to wear masks. It is an individual's choice to wear one or not.
- The mask mandate for the schools will be voted on by the School Committee at the meeting later on tonight.

New Hire Positions:

- We are still in the process of looking for a new Health Inspector for Melrose.
- We are beginning the search for a new Social Worker for Melrose. This position will work with the Council on Aging, Police Department and Emergency Services in the community.
- We are beginning the search for a new Animal Control Officer.

The new Public Health Specialist (Emily Hatchouel) is working on re-establishing our substance use coalition and will be holding her first meeting soon. Emily is re-branding the coalition and our hope is that this meeting will really establish the needs in the community with substance use and mental health.

Public Comment:

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to open the floor to the public at 6:28 p.m.

Lillian Kelly second the motion to open the floor to the public.

Vote to approve the Motion to open the floor to the public:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

****Floor opened****

No public comment was made.

Lillian Kelly made a motion to close the floor.

Carol Ann Licitra second the motion to close the floor.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to close the floor to the public:

Frank Brincheiro – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

*****Floor Closed 6:30 p.m.*****

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lillian Kelly second the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to adjourn the meeting:

Frank Brincheiro– yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Lillian Kelly – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 PM.