

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2024

Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Vice Chairman Bill Kavol. Members Dennis Randall, Heidi Whipple, Sheryl Antoine, and Health Agent Joyce Krystofolski.

Srinivas Vundi, owner of Quick Mart

5:15 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Joe Casna.

BILLS:

- Bills from May 22 and May 30, 2024, reviewed.

Joe introduces new Board member Sheryl Antoine.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Heidi Whipple to accept the meeting minutes of May 13, 2024, as presented.

Second: Bill Kavol

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DISCUSSION:

Srinivas Vundi, Quick Mart discussed why he has not provided the Health Department with his renewed liability insurance for both Quick Mart locations. Also, discussed was his re-inspection fee for not having his violations corrected in a timely manner and unpaid tobacco violations. Mr. Vundi presented the insurance certificate for the 78 Summer Street location and will email Lori the certificate for the mall location tomorrow. Mr. Vundi stated that he will make sure the issues in the violation for his 78 Summer St location will be corrected prior to the next inspection that is next week. Joyce will email Mr. Vundi specifying exactly what needs to be corrected.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT:

Pending

113 Wapping Road & 117 Wapping Road - in review by Planning & Building

60 Country Club Way – in review by Planning

48 Evergreen Street

Wells

None

Complaints

10 R Blair Drive - came in Friday will investigate Tuesday 6/4

Inspections

Continued Retail Food Establishment inspections continue thru grant inspector
House inspection of 96 Main Street #4 – complaints closed – corrections made
Housing complaint 4 Spring St #2 – complaints issued to owner and occupant
Pool inspections completed at Treetop Condos, The Point Apt. & Indian Pond CC

Trainings/ Meetings

Meeting Rachel Fleck, MMA emergency preparedness plans
Meeting – Digitization of records thru excellence grant – Nick DeBenedetto
Interdepartmental meeting on 70 Summer Street
Grant meeting – Carver
Mosquito Control Commission meeting
Zoom – recreational camp requirement changes to camp requirements
Zoom - Water Safety/ pool safety training
Zoom – Healthy Equity in emergency preparedness – Region 5
Servsafe class

Septic Inspections:

255 Grove Street
253 Pembroke Street – perc
33 Wapping Rd
25 Country Way
22 Fountain Knoll

HEALTHY KINGSTON:

- Healthy Kingston report read by Lori Jones. Healthy Kingston was taped on May 23: Care for the Caregiver. Guest speaker Juli Ford, Life Transition Advisor with Dovetail, Inc. Also made announcements concerning mosquito control, permits for food events and the upcoming ServSafe training. The next taping is June 20. Topic TBD.

DISCUSSION:

Reorganization:

5:33 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to nominate Joe Casna as Chairman.

Second: Heidi Whipple

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Joe asked if anyone is interested in Vice Chairman. Heidi would be interested in Vice Chairman if Bill Kavol does not want to.

5:34 pm Motion made by Bill Kavol to nominate Heidi Whipple as Vice Chairman.

Second: Dennis Randall

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- Private Hauler Quarterly Reports: The Health Department spends many hours chasing private haulers for their quarterly reports. The DEP does not follow up on these or track these reports. Joyce asked the Board if they want to make quarterly reports as a requirement of permitting. At this point there is no consequence of not sending in their reports. Joe suggests that Joyce attend the next recycling committee meeting and ask them what they are looking for the Board of Health to do.
- Joe asked Sheryl to pick up Janet Wades committees such as Recycling.

APPOINTMENTS:

6:00 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to open the Public Hearing for a public discussion of the amending and/or changing the tobacco regulation enforcement section to include removing tobacco products from being sold when a violation for sale of tobacco to minor is given.

Second: Sheryl Antoine

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Joyce stated that several businesses have been cited for tobacco violations for selling tobacco products to minors. Joe stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss not only paying fines but suspending the sale of products for a period of time. Joyce mentioned the law states that it is 1-7 days for the second offense and 7-30 days for third offense. Heidi wants the maximum. Plymouth has already imposed business losses for tobacco violations. Joyce noted there is free online training by the State of Mass to any vendor who chooses to sell these products.

Srivinas Vundi, the owner of both Quick Mart locations discussed his unpaid tobacco violations for the sale of tobacco products to minors. He is confused as there is no receipt with the State's compliance check proving the sale to a minor. The Board stated that this is not the first time he has been cited for the sale of tobacco to minors. He has a hearing at Plymouth District Court on September 9th for unpaid fines.

Dennis noted that this has gotten off track of the topic as to why they are here. Joe stated that we are here to consider revising the regulations.

Joe thoughts are a first offense is just a fine for \$1,000 and employees take the online course by the State and provide proof of taking the course to the Board of Health. A second offense is taking the tobacco license away for 7 days. For a third offense, a 30-day loss of license. A 4th offense would be a one-year loss. Heidi inquired about a change in ownership. Joyce suggested it should be a sale of business so parties can't transfer the business to a family member.

6:21 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to close the Public Hearing and return to the Board for deliberations and adoption for a regulation by vote.

Second: Heidi Whipple

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6:22 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to adopt the regulation outlined by our chairman. Joe outlined that the first offense, in addition to the fine, the requirement would be that the employees at the offending facility all must take the online course offered by the state for the sale of tobacco products and produce evidence to the Board that they've done that. On a second offense, in addition to the fines, a 7-day suspension of their license to sell tobacco products would be enacted. On a third offense, in addition to the fines, a 30-day suspension of the license to sell tobacco products. A fourth and any subsequent offense will result not only in the fines that apply but a 1-year loss of license of the right to sell tobacco products.

Second: Heidi Whipple

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NEXT MEETING:

- **June 17, 2024**

ADJOURN

6:27 p.m. Motion to Adjourn made by Dennis Randall.

Second: Heidi Whipple

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Lori Jones, Administrative Assistant
Kingston Board of Health

Approved: June 17, 2024