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BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2018

Present: Edward Bond, Acting Chairman, Lionel Cloutier, Keith Kent, Brian Croteau and Corey Wilson

Also Present: James Abare, Board of Health Agent and Joan Hamlett, Tobacco Agent

List of Documents:

- Agenda for November 5, 2018
- Food Permit Application, Harbour Restaurant, Carriage House and United Parish
- Invoices, James Abare-Mileage DPH meeting Amherst and reimbursement of Registered Sanitation License Fee

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge

Tobacco Regulation-request for amendment

Shannon Ford came forward and said she is a lifelong resident and wants to open a smoke shop business. She said the current town tobacco licenses don't benefit Winchendon. She discussed selling vape and CDB products. She requested the Board lift the cap and allow another tobacco business to operate.

Joan Hamlett said tobacco and marijuana can't be sold in the same place. She said you can't mix businesses. Concerning an adult smoke shop the board has a cap now and the only way you can obtain one is to take over an existing one.

She said this Board can't give permission to sell stuff that the Board doesn't regulate. She said you have to make sure of what you want to sell.

Dianne Cosentino came forward. She stated she is currently a nurse and a past member of the Board of Health. She distributed information to the Board about nicotine and tobacco and the addictive affects. She reminded the Board their purpose is Public Health.

Agent James Abare said Mr. Atkinson was unable to come tonight but wanted to reiterate he has come before the Board the last few meetings and is still interested.

A motion was made by Brian Croteau to amend the tobacco regulations. Edward Bond seconded the motion for discussion. Corey Wilson asked the Tobacco Agent so a yes vote will amend the tobacco regulation. Joan Hamlett said yes. VOTE: 4 no and 1 yes (Brian Croteau). The regulations will stay the same.

Tobacco Regulation-raising the age to 21

Joan Hamlett said the state raised the age effective January 1, 2019. She would like to send a memo merchant to the Board and have an open written comment period for all the merchants.

She said there is a grandfather clause that says if a person turns 18 by December 31, 2018 they are exempt. If they are 18 after January 1, 2019 then they aren't. If the Winchendon Board of Health has the age restriction in effect by December 30, 2018 then they don't have to follow the grandfather clause. The Board discussed how the grandfather clause would make it harder to business owners.

A motion was made by Brian Croteau to have the legal age to buy tobacco be 21 as of December 30, 2018. Lionel Cloutier seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0. The motion passed.

Permits

A motion was made by Brian Croteau to approve the food permit for United Parish with the fee waived. Lionel Cloutier seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Brian Croteau to approve food permit #1864 for the Harbour Restaurant. Lionel Cloutier seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Edward Bond to approve food permit #1865 for the Carriage House. Brian Croteau seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Invoices

A motion was made by Edward Bond to pay James Abare for his Registered Sanitation License in the amount of \$66.00. Brian Croteau seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Edward Bond to reimburse James Abare for mileage and parking in the amount of \$52.34. Brian Croteau seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Cloutier asked the Health Agent to notify Mr. Atkinson that the Board voted to not amend the Tobacco regulations.

Keith Kent informed the Board there is rubbish piling up at 86 Front Street. The Health Agent said he has left a message with the management company.

Adjourn

Lionel Cloutier made a motion to adjourn; Brian Croteau seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

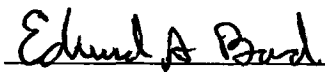
The meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Dennis, Recording Secretary

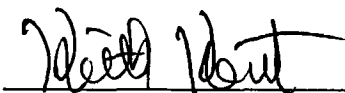
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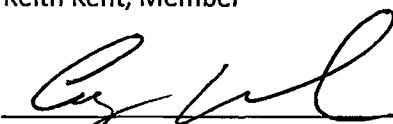
Lionel Cloutier, Board of Health Chairman



Edward Bond, Vice Chairman



Keith Kent, Member



Corey Wilson, Member

Brian Croteau, Member