

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022
Arcand Meeting Room
and Remote Meeting via Zoom Video**

PRESENT

Chairperson – Vincent Forte, Jr.
Vice Chairperson - Patricia Leclair via Zoom
Member: Michael Hennessey
Health Agent – Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Food & Tobacco Inspector: Robert Griffin III via Zoom
Minutes Clerk: Laura Renaud via Zoom

OTHER ATTENDEES: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:00.

MINUTES

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

TOBACCO COMPLIANCE:

1052 South Main Street

Agent Griffin updated the Board on cease and desist for 1052 South Main Street. It was written and send out after the last meeting. They have 21 days from the date of the meeting to appeal it to the superior court. They can still sell tobacco during this time.

Public Hearing

The Board discussed the omission of the tobacco amendment that was adopted in 2013. Mr. Hennessey made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on July 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Arcand Meeting Room to re-amend the Tobacco Regulation to include the omitted mind-altering substance regulation that was adopted in 2013. Ms. Leclair seconded. The motion carried.

UPDATES

Petsmart

Mr. Forte asked Ms. Renaud to draft a letter to Petsmart that they now have 24-48 hours to remove all food and beverage products per the new food regulation. Agent Griffin is to hand deliver the letter. Ms. Renaud can also mail a copy to them.

DONATION BINS

131 Pulaski Blvd.

Agent Wilson explained that the donation bins on 131 Pulaski Blvd. are still there as Mr. Daprato is in the process of filing an appeal. Mr. Forte stated he was supposed to have them removed by the 31st and then decided to appeal. He must make a move as he was issued a removal order. The lot is undersized and unattended. He does not meet the regulation. Ms. Leclair requested a date he will be coming before the Board to appeal. Agent Wilson reach out to him to get a confirmation on the date.

Vets Package Store

The Board questioned when the bins at this property will be removed and where they are going. Agent Wilson will get confirmation.

OLD BUSINESS

The Smoking News

The Board discussed the request from the owner of The Smoking News to allow them to sell tobacco only vaping products. Agent Griffin stated it is just a redacting from the regulations.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to remove the vaping ban on tobacco products with a one strike policy if they are found they are not adhering to this. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carries.

Agent Griffin will reach out to them that they will need a permit. He will also reach out to Town Counsel to draft the permit criteria. The Board agreed it will be effective as of July 1, 2022, and they will need a permit at half the fee.

Past Due Balances

The Board discussed the issuance of permits and what will happen if any residents or business owners were past due with any fees to the town.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion that all balances to the town must be paid unless it is a septic emergency. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES

Rapid Refill

Agent Griffin explained that they will be appealing their penalty and fines. Once the fine goes above \$300.00 it automatically goes from District Court to Superior Court.

AJ's Mini Mart

Agent Griffin explained that they are denying that this is their 3rd violation. He does have an appointment with the owner so they can review the video. Agent Wilson provided him with the video and there will be a resolution. It will just take a bit of time as he has a family emergency out of the country.

FOOD INSPECTOR UPDATES

Agent Griffin stated his inspections will be completed before the quarter ends June 30th. The important part of the inspections in summer is that all temperatures are within a safe range. Agent Wilson stated one restaurant had a complaint about cockroaches. He did an inspection and they had just had pest control come in which can sometimes cause a few to disperse. They are up to date, and this can be common after a treatment. The Board asked to confirm all restaurants have their pest control up to date when doing inspections.

GOALS

Outside Fuel Storage Tanks

The Board and staff will continue to look at ways to help residents finance the removal of the outdoor storage tanks. The Community Development Program was discussed but it would not apply to the type of funding needed.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

Renaissance Salon

Agent Wilson completed the nail inspection at this salon. They have been at this address for 30 years. He is working with the owner to bring the septic issues up to date. It was an oversight when the new salon owners came in.

Wells

The well at 9 Silver Lake Road was covered permanently. Agent Wilson provided a photo. The DPW and Town Administrator Denis Fraine helped the owner out.

PLAN REVIEWS

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to grant a local upgrade approval request for the following: to allow the bottom of the septic system be 3 feet above groundwater where 4 feet is required, to allow the septic system to be 7.4 feet from the foundation where 20 feet is required and to allow the septic system be 7.5 feet to the property line where 10 feet is required. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

BILLS:

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoices for WB Mason for a total of \$ 158.05. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to SD Septic Inspection for a total of \$ 350.00. Ms. Leclair seconded, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud

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Minutes Clerk

Approved 7/12/22