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Board of Health – Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

2nd Floor Community Room, 20 Sanderson Street

5:30PM

Present: Dr. William Doyle, Chair
Steve Adam
Cheryl Volpe, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse Leader
Absent: Tammy Mosher

Also Present: Jasmine Ward, Health Clerk
Jami Kolosewicz, Health Inspector
T Steven Jones, MD, Natural Gas Infrastructure Presentation Activist
Eric Twarog, Director of Planning & Development
Jim Allen, Planning Board Member
Linda Smith, Planning Board Chair
Ginny Desorghe, Planning Board Member
George Touloumtzis, Planning Board Member
Mark Smith, Director of General Administration Town of Greenfield

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Letter from MAHB: Testimony of Cheryl Sbarra, J.D., Director of Law and Policy
2. Cannabis Control Commission 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana
3. Sample Regulation to Ensure the Sanitary and Safe Operation of Marijuana Establishments and the Sale of Marijuana
4. Marijuana-Medical and Adult use of Cannabis in Massachusetts Power point slide Presentation
5. Document Proposed Amendment to the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance new definitions to Section 200-21: Cannabis or Marijuana
6. Fracked Gas in MA- MAHB Letter: Interstate Gas Pipelines w/letter of Support to Governor Baker
7. April Board of Health Minutes
8. Tapestry Report and letter from Mark Snow, Building Commissioner Town of Greenfield

A. Fracked Gas in Massachusetts Presentation:

- Asking the Board to support a joint effort with other Massachusetts Boards of Health to submit a letter to Governor Baker recommending an independent and comprehensive health impact assessment to be done prior to authorization of any new natural gas infrastructure in Massachusetts
- Gas contains carcinogenic properties, heavy metals, radioactive elements
- Pipes that are 100 years old can leak, can lead to fires and exposures
- If Board agrees that fracked gas poses a risk to public health, they will be joining 63 other boards that have signed onto original letter or have written their own to request that the governor adopts systematic health assessments before building the pipelines
- Massachusetts Medical Society (M.M.S) potential impacts of natural gas infrastructure shared with the Board
TM- supports as long as it doesn't differ from M.M.S.
SA- we are dependent on fossil fuels
- Cheryl presents a draft letter to the BOH drafted by a Steve George, biology professor Amherst College

MOTION: On a motion by Steve Adam

TM: Aye

DD: Aye

SA: Aye

VOTED: The Board of Health writes a letter in support

B. Cannabis Regulations Presentation:

- DD- believes the bills intent is to help patients with debilitating medical conditions such as terminal cancer and multiple sclerosis, aids, glaucoma and a few others
Although, bothered by criteria of medical marijuana disease restrictions; Medical Marijuana bill has loop hole
- LS- Planning Board: Working on our duty to come with with proposed amendment for the Town of Greenfield; Greenfield did vote in favor in legalizing it; tasked with creating an striving for consistency and other things and how they are zoned
- Has been looking for consistency in creating an ordinance; looked at surrounded communities and came up with a draft ordinance (now in Town Council's hands); Zoning board attended because they want to hear thoughts, advise and proposal of Board of Health, as well as sharing their thought process that helped them to come up with the zoning draft
- GD- Planning Board looked at medical marijuana as similar to regulating alcohol, looked at neighboring towns; shares personal stories
- CV- Shared presentation made by Cheryl Sbarra, Senior Staff Attorney of Mass. Association of Health Boards:
- An Act to ensure Safe Access to Marijuana: MA Chapter General Law 94G
- **Cannabis Control Commission (CCC)** has been put in charge of creating recommendations and guidelines

- Potential for 20% taxation on products
- Conundrum; how will you label products
- State Moratorium expires Dec 31, 2018
- Zoning boards moratorium will expire June 30, 2018
- Regulations cannot be “unreasonably impracticable”
- Local Control- (BOH) food service handlers are subject to food code
- Conundrum: defining if brownie is “medicinal” or “food”
- Restrictions of labeling of products:
 - warning labels
 - batch, lot #, ingredients, THC per serving
 - products are not FDA approved
 - cannabis is federally illegal

SA- money laundering consideration in the eyes of the Feds

CV- Advertising restrictions

MS- Banks federally regulated

SA- what about credit unions?

TM- confused by regulations of the funds

-devaluations of property w/respect to Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

CV- Continues other tasks

-baseline studies, informatic data collection, OUI assessment and

TM- wonders who develops program that trains police conducting roadside assessments

CV- 10 tiers set for growers

- key changes for CCC regulations
- smoking bars – not to be addressed until Feb 2019
- Registered Medical Dispensaries are required to maintain 35% /6 months of their inventory to be available for Medical Marijuana Registration Card holders
- Satisfy minimum energy standards
- Definitions for different types of Medical Establishments
- Employment Trends
- Local Enforcement guidance- Head shops, operating permits, and penalties

CV- 935 CMR 500

- Plans and Procedures for security
- BOH Retail Food Requirements
- Minimum standards for Retail Food CMR 590.000
- Food must have a “best if used by” date
- Health Inspectors – Compliance Checks
- Violations – violation statements sent

ET- June 30, 2018 zoning board's moratorium will expire

- June 12, 2018 Vote on proposed zoning ordinance

CV- Mayor has asked that we have a consensus and we are all in agreement for what works best for our community

ET- And Zoning members agree they would like the ordinances not to conflict : Time, place, and manner

SA- Question to Eric Twarog on amendment to page 3; of your amendment, no more than 8 marijuana retailers shall be allowed? Recreational only?

ET- Yes, recreational retailers only

ET- We have an existing ordinance on medical marijuana dispensaries

LS- BOH and Planning should have had a conversation sooner

-looking at it through the lens of liquor establishment regulations maintains consistency

TM- No more than 8 retailers? Limit on cultivators?

ET- No

LS- It was helpful to talk with other municipalities. Uniformity can help parameters in prospective

SA- Page 4 clarification. Medical Marijuana?

ET- Yes

GD- Roll in liquor store?

DD- No

SA- Side by side comparison with marijuana and tobacco also compare with zoning and planning's regulations

DD- No legal authority to enforce 25 year old sale age.

-BOH has a lot of work

GD- Can forward links to guidelines

C. Tapestry Update- Needle Exchange

- Initially located upstairs in the church are Moved to cellar at St. James Parish Church, renovated larger space
- They are looking to request special permit to be able to allow clinical activities; HIV and Hepatitis C testing. Not allowed to provide these services within their current operation
- Hours of operation Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
- Two full time staff who operate out of the office
- Safe syringe disposal, access to safer injection supplies, access to Narcan, drug use counseling, referrals for
- Medical permit by special permit only allow clinical testing activities-testing for HIV, Hepatitis C, and STI's-no allowed will require zoning approval
- Since beginning they have put out 1521 syringes
- Has given Narcan to 97 individuals
- 31 of the 52 individuals were given narcan to take home with them. 3 of those 31 people reported to Greenfield staff that they used narcan to successfully reverse the effects of an overdose.

CV- sharps disposal program in health office has grown substantially. Program is free to residents, and they are given

TM- part of the program was to track clients that are referred to treatment centers to get clean, doesn't see the measurable outcome and it has been going on for a year and a half

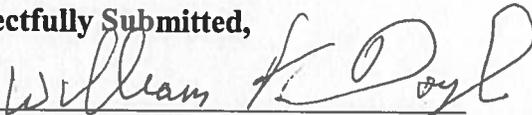
TM-would like to see numbers of referrals to treatment centers. Initially they were approached with a reporting structure. The Narcan is great and is much needed, the point of need exchange is to prevent HIV anyway, so they approached but they approached us with a whole client approach

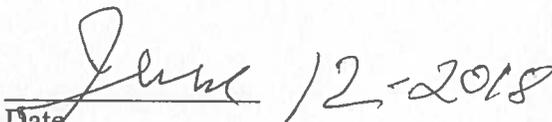
CV- Entered agreement w/required reporting to Greenfield Health Department Nov 17, 2016
CV- We need to see the progress, Liz Wynott is willing to come in front of the Board to speak
TM- what happened to the grant money
SA- we have a narrative; but we do not have quantifiable results
CV- suggests that there is an addendum added to the contract
SA- what are the trends? Increase? decrease? Plateau?
SA- we need to be good stewards of the tax payer money
TM- at least then we could know, How much are they spending on the testing? Needs to be itemized
-Last time she had come, our grant was lumped into the North Adams funds.
DD- We need measurable outcomes and financials.

Next Meetings: June 6, 2018, 5:30 pm (Special Meeting) & June 12, 2018, 5:30 pm

Adjournment: 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Approved: BOH Chair Dr. William Doyle


Date

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

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