

Longmeadow Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019, Longmeadow Fire Training Room -7:00P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair, via remote access. BOH members present were Dr. Robert Baevsky, Dr. Barry Izenstein and Maripat Toye, MS, RN. Dr. Richard Steingart was excused. Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow, Health Director, was present.

- I. Public Comment Period-No community members were present to comment on any non-agenda items.
- II. Approval of the meeting minutes from the February 25, 2019 was a unanimous vote with no corrections or additions.
- III. New Business
 1. Review and vote on Amendments to Provisions to Longmeadow Board of Health (retail) Tobacco Sale Regulation. After discussion on the new provision to the sale of tobacco and the facts that communities are seeing an increase in the use of flavored tobacco products in youth that is creating health concerns, the BOH has reviewed regulations promulgated by other towns that restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products to Adult-Only establishments. Since Longmeadow does not have any “adult only” establishments, promulgation of this revised regulation would, at this time, ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Longmeadow. The BOH voted unanimously to accept the proposed revised tobacco sales regulation restricting the sale of all flavored tobacco products to adult-only establishments.
 2. Review and vote on BOH support for the proposed revisions of the Town bylaws for a total ban on Outdoor Open Burning (Open burning law: Article 6 Chapter-400, 6-417). Then new wording of the by-law is being proposed by the town Fire Chief to promote public safety and public health. The amended provision will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May. The open burning ban is already in effect in Springfield, West Springfield and Agawam due to poor air quality conditions. The BOH voted unanimously to approve the ban on Open Burning in the Town of Longmeadow.
 3. The town water issue is ongoing and no changes to the situation since the letter of public notification last summer from Peter Thurber from MA DEP regarding the public water system that had contained HAA5s, which is a disinfection by-product in the water (trihalomethanes and the related compound Haloacetic Acid). Longmeadow purchases its water from Springfield. The BOH recommends that a letter from BOH be submitted to the town Select Board to encourage investigation of the water situation in Longmeadow. The CHO will draft a letter for the BOH to review and send to Selectboard.
 4. The CHO reported on follow up to inquiry on a new business in town that involves a new “Spa” business that intends to provide intravenous nutritional drips, injections, skin fillers and injections of fluids for clients. The CHO has been in communication with the MDPH Division of Health Care Facility licensure and certification licensing processing unit. The research on this type of “Spa” includes the concerns over the medical and public health issues related to these services and the need for MDPH to require a license as a clinic by the MA. Dept. of Public Health in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 111, Sec 51 and subject to MA. 105 CMR 140.00 Licensure of Clinics. The CHO is following up on these issues and closely monitoring the next steps required by this business owner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maripat Toye, MS, RN, Longmeadow Board of Health