



**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 23, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The following Board of Health meeting was held on Thursday **March 23, 2023** at 4:00 PM via PACTV

Present

Barry Potvin, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Chair
Lorenzo Pizarro, MBA
Amy Palmer, MPH

Agenda

- Express Mart – Tobacco Sales Suspension Appeal – Paresh Patel
- Tobacco FAQ’s/Discussion – Bob Collett & Cheryl Sbarra
- Board of Health Goals Update & Discussion – Public Forums
- COVID update
- Proposed Plymouth Town Charter & the BOH
- Director’s Report
- Adjournment

Department

Karen Keane, Public Health Director

Excused

Teri Reid, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair
Deb Zona, RN, MHA, CMCN, FACHE (alternate)
David Golden, MPA

- *Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the secretary’s interpretation of what took place at the meeting. – Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.*
- *These minutes are a record as accepted by the Board of Health.*
- *All materials presented during this meeting are available in the Public Health Department.*
- *Administrative Business – May include topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

HYBRID PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

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4:00 PM

Welcome

4:02 PM – Express Mart – Tobacco Sales Suspension Appeal – Paresh Patel

On a motion by Amy Palmer and seconded by Lorenzo Pizarro, the board unanimously voted to uphold the fine of \$1,000 and a 3-day suspension. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 3/0

4:15 PM – Tobacco FAQ’s/Discussion – Bob Collett & Cheryl Sbarra

Dr. Potvin stated that there will be changes to the local tobacco regulations in order to make it more compatible with the State of Massachusetts regulations. He asked for input from both Bob Collett and Cheryl Sbarra. Bob Collett and Cheryl Sbarra shared information about the current state and local laws and regulations.

4:42 PM – COVID Update

Dr. Potvin shared the most recent COVID information.

4:44 PM – Board of Health Goals Update & Discussion – Public Forums

Dr. Potvin spoke about the upcoming Public Forum next week and some of the subjects that will be addressed in future Public Forums. Lorenzo Pizarro shared slides showing the continuing Board of Health Goals with no updates to address.

4:49 PM – Proposed Plymouth Town Charter & the BOH

Dr. Potvin shared the items of concern he discovered while reading the Proposed Town Charter. He noticed that they no longer had in the Charter that the BOH shall have members who are, if available, a physician and also an alternate. Dr. Potvin wondered if it was an intentional deletion; Karen Keane confirmed that it was not but Karen Keane talked to the Town Clerk who suggested that they wait until after the election on May 20, 2023 to address this since it will depend on whether it passes or not. Once the election is complete, this can be addressed to make the correction, as necessary.

4:54 PM – Chairperson’s Announcements – Informational Public Forum on March 29, 2023

Dr. Potvin mentioned the Public Forum to be held on March 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. He mentioned that he would like to be a spokesperson representing the Board of Health at the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP) meeting.

On a motion by Amy Palmer and seconded by Lorenzo Pizarro, the board voted to empower Dr. Potvin to be the voice of the Board of Health at the NDCAP Meetings. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 3/0

4:58 PM – New/Old Business

Karen Keane stated that the Town of Plymouth is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste collection on Saturday, April 8, 9 – 1 PM at Camelot Dr. Also, at the same time and date, the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Group will be collecting off-rim tires. There will be a curbside mattress pick-up opportunity on April 5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in collaboration with Hands-up Mattress Recycling and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. All of these require pre-registration. All of the information regarding these programs can be found on the Town of Plymouth website.

5:02 PM – Adjournment

On a motion by Amy Palmer and seconded by Lorenzo Pizarro, the board voted to adjourn. Unanimous vote through rollcall: 3/0