

City of Chelsea

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018
5:15 PM – Public Library

Attendance: Christopher Miller (Chair), Catherine Maas, Dean Xerras, Emmanuel Tellez, and Madeleine Scammell. Luis Prado (Agent/HHS), Paula McHatton (public health nurse/HHS),

Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Control Agent; Cheryl Sbarra, MAHB.

Meeting called to order by C. Miller at 5:15pm

Public Comments/Misc.:

None.

Public Health Nurse Report: Paula presented communicable disease report.

Tattoo parlor update: Report that a parlor in town tattooed a minor. Luis is sending an inspector to visit the parlor of concern.

Tobacco control: Cheryl noted that our environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) regs were enacted prior to the Massachusetts smoke free workplace law, which essentially prohibits smoking in all enclosed places with some exceptions. Cheryl suggested that we rescind our current ETS law and incorporate the statewide law into a local regulation. The state law has several exemptions (e.g., nursing homes) and we may elect to include such exemptions in our own regs. Our draft regulation currently includes no such exemptions.

Suggestion made by C. Miller that we publish all points in the paper for consideration and discussion at a public hearing. It will be a draft we can edit based on comments by the public. Agreed by board members.

Minutes: March minutes approved.

Next mtg: May 8, 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine Scammell