

These are the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting of the Hanover Board of Health. Present were Ms. Diane Sawin - Chair, Ms. Kathleen Dauphinais – Board Member, Mr. John Dougherty – Board Member, Ms. Kim Dixon – Health Director, Mr. William Barrett – Asst. Health Agent, Ms. Kathleen Mahoney- South Shore Tobacco Coordinator

Having a quorum, Ms. Sawin motioned to open the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Kathleen Mahoney – South Shore Tobacco Coordinator –Discuss Violations and Select Date of Suspension:

6 Retailers in Town were found to have sold tobacco products to a underage individual. The 6 retailers were: 7-Eleven, On the Way General Store, Home Spirits, Super Petroleum, Town Pump, and A-plus Sunoco. The State regulation which the Town of Hanover Board of Health adopted states that any retailer found to have sold to a minor shall be fined \$1000 and shall receive a One day tobacco sales permit suspension.

Barbara Milfelt, Corporate Compliance Manager and Cindy Brimmer, area leader for 7-Eleven both attended the hearing via zoom to inform the Board that the employee who was found to have been scanning their own ID in order to facilitate the sale to the minor has been terminated. Ms. Milfelt and Ms. Brimmer informed the Board of the practices they have in place which require an ID to be scanned to purchase any tobacco product, as well as retraining for all staff that work in a particular store that was found to be in violation.

Rakesh Patel, Owner of On the Way General Store attended the hearing in person as well, Mr. Patel informed the board that he has owned multiple convenience stores for more than 20 years and has never had a violation, he stated that the employee in the store may have been distracted as he had some personal matters he was trying to attend to.

Ms. Dauphinais made a motion to impose the 1 Day suspension from 12AM on Tuesday May 30th until 12AM Wed May 31st, Mr. Dougherty second the motion.

Board Reorganization:

Mr. Dougherty motioned for Ms. Sawin to remain chair of the Hanover Board of Health until Ms. Dauphinais is able to do so. Ms. Dauphinais second the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Sawin moved to adjourn, Mr. Dougherty second; so voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

