

## EAST LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 6:00pm

Location: East Longmeadow via ZOOM Webinar

**Board of Health Members Present:** Christine Johnston, MPH; Dr. Kathryn Jobbins, DO, MS, FACP; and Rebecca Torcia, RN, BSN

**Health Department Staff Present:** Tammy Spencer, Health Director; Renée Suckau, Administrative Assistant; Elizabeth Bone, Recycling Coordinator

**Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition Tobacco Control Officer:** Donna Bowman

**Representatives of Zain's Smoke Shop:** Sarib Nawaz, Manager; Mohhamed Tahla, Owner

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION TAKEN/DECISION MADE
Call to Order and Chair Announcements	Meeting called to order by Chair, Christine Johnston at 6:00pm
Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting ( <b>VOTE</b> )	Dr. Jobbins motions to approve the May 16, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion is seconded by Ms. Johnston. <b>Motion passes 3-0</b>
Public Comment	No Public Comment
Motion to open Tobacco Violation Hearing for Zain's Smoke Shop ( <b>VOTE</b> )	Motion to open the Tobacco Violation Hearing for Zain's Smoke Shop made by Ms. Torcia and seconded by Dr. Jobbins. <b>Motion passes 3-0</b>
TOBACCO VIOLATION HEARING-  Zain's Smoke Shop, 611 North Main Street, East Longmeadow; Appeal of June 26, 2023 Cease and Desist order for sale of a tobacco product to a minor (State Law "An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control" and 105 CMR 665)	Representative of Zain's Smoke Shop, Sarib Nawaz and owner Zain introduced themselves. Ms. Johnston states that the fine and the laws that are being enforced are non-negotiable. Donna Bowman describes her role as a Tobacco Control Officer within the Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition, and continues to describe the incident in question. Mr. Nawaz describes the issues that he is facing that contributed to the error.
Motion to close Tobacco Violation Hearing for Zain's Smoke Shop ( <b>VOTE</b> )	Dr. Jobbins motions to close the Tobacco Violation Hearing for Zain's Smoke Shop and seconded by Ms. Torcia. <b>Motion passes 3-0</b>
Motion to affirm the penalty under State Law "An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control" and 105 CMR 665	Motion to affirm the penalty under State Law "An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control" and 105 CMR 665 made by Dr. Jobbins and seconded by Ms. Torcia. <b>Motion passes 3-0</b>

<p>Business at Hand</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arbovirus Surveillance Updates</li> <li>2. Trash and Recycling Program Updates</li> </ol>	<p>Ms. Spencer reports that the state has found mosquitoes that tested positive for West Nile Virus(WNV) in West Springfield. The mosquitoes that have been positive for WNV are typically found in backyards and urban areas. She continues to say that we contract with the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District who does testing and surveillance throughout the town from late spring to early fall around public areas like schools and parks. Ms Spencer continues to say that another company works with East Longmeadow to safely treat any catch basins around Heritage Park and the schools. She suggests that the residents tip over any barrels, kids toys, or any container that creates standing water, to dress appropriately when going outside, wear bug spray, and limit hours that one is outside during dusk and dawn.</p> <p>Ms. Bone reports that all five schools in East Longmeadow are now recycling and composting, and the senior center has also followed suit. The Senior Center is looking for other ways to reduce waste but changing from wax cups to compostable cups. She continues to report that an instructional video will be shot for the compost company at MountainView. Before the composting program began, the schools generated 99 bags of trash in the cafeteria and that has decreased to only 7 bags. Liz is also working with the schools to find items that can be composted or recycled to replace such things as the fiber trays which get thrown out after lunch.</p> <p>Ms. Bone says that the Fix-it clinic on June 23rd was a success and had two “fixers” and nine attendees. The next one has not been scheduled yet, but will more than likely be at the end of September.</p> <p>Ms. Bone continues to say that there will be a big recycling event that we are hosting at the high school, sponsored by Rep. Ashe and Rep. Olivera. The event is open to residents of Wilbraham, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow. Electronics, Styrofoam, furniture and more will all be accepted. This event will be on September 30th from 10-2.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Ms. Spencer reports that a COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held at the senior center on July 27, 2023 at the Pleasantview Senior Center from 1-3. In the fall, the switch will be made to the commercialization of the vaccine, which means that it will have to go through insurance. Those who do not have insurance or under the age of 19.</p> <p>Summer Health Department activities have been very consistent with Pool, Rec Camp, Temporary Food Event, and Code enforcement inspections.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting date will be August 22, 2023 at 6:00pm.</p>
<p>Call to Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Jobbins and seconded by Ms. Torcia. <b>Motion passed 3-0.</b></p>

*This listing is reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

Rebecca Torcia July 25, 2023  
 Rebecca Torcia, Secretary