



TOWN HALL
8 Park Street, Suite 203
Tel (413) 743-8300 EXT. 179
FAX (413) 743-8316

APPROVED

Adams Board of Health – Public Meeting Minutes
1st Floor Mahogany Room (in-person only)
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

BOH Members Present: Chairman Dr. David Rhoads, Co-Chair Dr. Amy Oberlin,
BOH Members Not Present: Sarah Lesure, Code Enforcer & Member Ms. Jess Wilson
Others Present: Sherrie Leon-Administrative Assistant, Sureshkumar Patel, Owner, Nilaykumar Patel, Manager, Ravikahn Patel, and Robert Walker

Call to Order: Dr. Rhoads called the meeting to order October 4, 2023 at 4:00pm. Dr. Rhoads mentioned that it is being recorded.

Hearing: Review of tobacco sales permit for Anee Liquor, Inc. dba O'Geary's Package Store, Inc.

Dr Rhoads motioned to open the public hearing on O'Geary's Package Store, Inc., Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Dr Rhoads 2nd. All members voted yes unanimously.

Dr Rhoads recapped that the DOR's visit to O'Geary's Package Store resulted in a 30-day suspension to sell vaping products. He continued to say that all three licenses were required in order for O'Gearys to maintain their permit in Adams.

The Patel's explained that they were not able to provide an invoice for 5-6 vaping products which resulted in the suspension. They were able to provide all other documents/invoices that the DOR requested. Dr Amy Oberlin asked if it was the result of a missing tax stamp on the product that caused the suspension and Mr. Patel assured her that it was only the missing invoice for the 5-6 items that caused the suspension. Mr. Patel explained that sometimes sales people sometimes bring sample products. All products presented require an invoice and only an information sheet was provided for the 5-6 piece samples. He continued to say that they were able to provide all other information sheets and invoices during the DOR inspection. Mr. Patel stated they will no longer accept anything without an invoice. Dr Rhoads stated he was satisfied with the Patel's explanation.

Dr Amy Oberlin asked why they did not attend the first meeting that was originally scheduled for Sept 13th. Mr. Patel explained that it was a miscommunication and misunderstanding that they needed to be present for the meeting.

Dr Rhoads motioned to close the meeting, Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Dr Rhoads 2nd. All members voted yes unanimously.

Dr Amy Oberlin and Dr Rhoads deliberated and decided that the 30-day suspension was sufficient. Dr Rhoads stated it is on record that we accept the violation as a first-time offense. He continued to explain that in order to have a town permit they must maintain a DOR license. He went on to say that this was a learning experience for all.

Public Comment:

Approval of Minutes:

Dr Rhoads motion to approve all the minutes as corrected, Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Dr Rhoads 2nd; All members voted yes unanimously.

- **June 7:** Approval of minutes
- **August 2:** Approval of minutes
- **September 13:** Approval of minutes

Public Hearing: None

Code Enforcement Officer:

- **Report:** Sarah Lesure was not present.

Old Business:

- Private Well regulations were signed. (submit to Clerk & to DEP with approved minutes) File an attested copy for all local regulations to be enforceable.
- **Website suggestions & updates:** Dr Rhoads asked Sherrie Leon about the update to website to possibly add 988 to the emergency numbers on the board of health page next to 9-1-1. Sherrie explained that after speaking with the person who manages the website, it is not possible to add this feature.
Dr Rhoads will update water and well regulations- and put out a public notice.
- **Status of membership in MAHB** (paid in August)
- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee update:** Dr Rhoads stated that he will meet with Linda Cernick.

New Business:

- Promotion of immunization clinics (flu & Covid) Dr Rhoads will get the GetVaccinatedBerkshires.org up on the town website.
- Ideas for a 2024 public health program

Local & County Updates:

- **Immunization clinics** (Flu & Covid)
[GetVaccinatedBerkshires.org](https://www.getvaccinatedberkshires.org) is back
- **Weekly arbovirus report from DPH-**Dr Rhoads will distribute the list.
- **Municipal public health survey:** Dr Rhoads discussed the statewide survey. He would like to add the link to our website and find ways to promote the survey. He will speak to Jay Green about possibly promoting the survey.

Upcoming Events:

- NBSWMD: Bulky/Electronics Collections: Clarksburg (10/7)
- BCBOHA Fall Dinner, Thursday, Oct 12, 5-7:30 pm (Pittsfield CC, Speaker, Susan Waite, MAC)

Review Mail:

- **Adams Excavating:** Dr Rhoads spoke to Brianna Dunn, MA DEP about the letter renewing their recycling permit at 87 Howland Ave. Dr Rhoads will send a letter to Adams Excavating and MA Dep letting them know that the Town has no issues with the renewal.
- **BCBOHA** calendar for October & beyond

For the Good of the Order:

- N/A

Schedule Next Meeting: November 1

Adjournment:

Dr Rhoads motioned to adjourn., Dr. Oberlin so moved. Dr Rhoads 2nd. All members voted yes unanimously. Adjourned at 4:44 pm.



Sherrie Leon
Administrative Assistant

11/3/23
Date