Call Meeting to Order - 6:00 PM
Mr. Daniele called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and noted the meeting was being recorded by WACA-TV.

Citizen’s Participation
None.

Update on Ashland/Framingham Flu Clinic, October 26, 2019, 8 Flagg Dr. Framingham
Mr. Oram announced that on Saturday, October 26th, Ashland is combining efforts with Framingham, and will be holding a flu clinic in Framingham. Mr. Oram noted that Kitty Mahoney, the Framingham Public Health Nurse, will be submitting the information to the local newspapers, the flyer will also be sent out by email. Mr. Narayana suggested asking the Town Manager to send the information to residents as part of the Town Manager’s Update. Mr. Narayana also asked that he be provided a PDF copy of the flyer to distribute, an advertisement on WACA was also suggested.

Tobacco Control Program
Tobacco Control Agent Position / Future Compliance / Point of Sale Inspections
Mr. Oram noted that Governor Baker has issued an Order for all vaping products to be off the shelves. Mr. Oram explained that that we do not currently have a Tobacco Control Agent, but a decision was made to utilize a regional inspector. The regional inspector, Sarah Leroux, went out to the establishments and reported back that no vaping products were found on any of the shelves of the 17 establishments; she also confirmed with the vendors that they had received the email regarding tonight’s Meeting/Public Discussion. Mr. Oram noted that we have two options; we have candidates who have applied that we can look at; or, the Town may want to consider regionalization for tobacco control services. Mr. Oram discussed the tobacco control grant from Metrowest Health Foundation and the tobacco revolving fund; he noted it would be more efficient to have a regional inspector. Mr. Oram explained that the previous tobacco agent resigned and
that HR has received a number of resumes; it is a 60 hour per year position and is paid from the revolving fund. There are different scenarios, he will keep the Board apprised as they move along.

**Temporary Ban on Sale or Display of Vaping Products**

Mr. Narayana noted that Andover is considering extending the vaping ban beyond the four month period, Mr. Narayana asked Mr. Oram to reach out to that Town.

Mr. Daniele congratulated the Board on the work they have done on the vaping issue; he also acknowledged Jon Fetherston for all of his work during his tenure on the Board and as Chair. Mr. Daniele is pleased with the Governor for taking a position, and for the work this Board has done together.

Mr. Daniele noted that the Board received a letter from Select Board Member, Brandi Kinsman, who has expressed interest in sending a joint letter of support to Governor Baker. Mr. Daniele read a portion of the letter.

**Motion:** Mr. Daniele made a motion that we, as a Board, pursue writing a joint letter with the Select Board; and if the Select Board decides not to, we will write one ourselves to Governor Baker and Senator Spilka, in support of the ban. Mr. Narayana seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 3-0-1. Motion approved. Ms. Teller abstained.

**Chairperson’s Report**

**Regional Nursing Services, Update**

Mr. Oram noted that the Health Director of Framingham sent an invitation to Ashland and three other towns to participate in a meeting on October 8th to discuss the sharing of nursing services; he will attend the meeting with the Board of Health Chair, Diane Mortensen.

**Health Agent’s Report**

**Budget FY20 Updates**

Mr. Oram noted that the revolving fund budget line items have been updated and were rolled over by the Finance Director; these funds are derived from fees received from food and tobacco permits. Mr. Narayana would like to see the summary reports from 2018 and 2019, this data could justify more hours for food inspections. Ms. Teller discussed being in other states where they use a grading system for restaurants.

**Update on Diesel Fuel Leak from Generator**

Mr. Oram noted he was contacted by DEP regarding a diesel fuel tank leak at the Verizon cell tower; when he arrived Verizon crew members and DEP were there. There was a generator with a containment tank on the bottom which was spraying out diesel fuel outside of the containment tank. Mr. Oram said the amount of fuel that escaped was not clear but when he returned the next day there were four wheel barrels of soil dug up.

**Update on Massachusetts Environmental Health Association Conference**

Mr. Oram noted that this year’s Conference was very good, topics covered were silica which has been found in dust powder; trench safety; and climate change in Chatham. Economic Development was discussed, as well as septic updates including the use of innovative technologies such as incineration. Pool safety was also discussed.

**Updates on Eastern Equine Encephalitis including public information, outside events and aerial spraying**

Each Monday a Situational Awareness Report is sent out, #9 was sent out yesterday. Ms. Teller noted that her neighborhood association was added to the list and are receiving updates; Mr. Daniele encouraged anyone who wants to be added to the Board of Health contact list may send us their email; residents should also sign up for Code Red alerts.
Approval of Cremation Forms and Regulations per Mass General Laws Chapter 111, Section 43

Mr. Oram discussed a Policy for Cremation of Certain Unclaimed Bodies. A form would be signed by the burial agent of a Town in the event that a person living in Ashland dies without having a next of kin and allows for cremation after a 30 day waiting period.

Motion: Mr. Narayana made a motion to approve the cremation form that has been presented to us by Mark Oram, Health Agent, contingent upon the changes and approval by the Town Counsel. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to take a five minute recess. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to move Agenda #8 to the current spot. Mr. Narayana seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Review of Minutes, September 17, 2019

Motion: Mr. Narayana made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Etskovitz seconded the motion. Ms. Teller noted she had a question regarding whether Mr. Oram said that the Tobacco Control Agent’s resignation was never made official. Ms. Teller noted that the Board had received a copy of the resignation letter. Mr. Oram explained that the Tobacco Control Agent said he would stay on until a replacement is found, and that he rescinded his resignation. Mr. Oram said we are in the process of finding a new person and are currently working with Human Resources. Mr. Daniele suggested we table voting on the minutes and we can check on the transcript by watching the tape. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to move Agenda #9 to the current spot, since it was not quite time to begin the Public Discussion on Tobacco Regulations. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Discuss Future Agenda Topics for October 15, 2019 and Future Meeting Dates

Mr. Daniele noted the next meeting is scheduled for October 15th. Items to be discussed: Vote on Tobacco Regulations; Fee Schedule; Sargent Burman to review narcan statistics; Air Quality Work at Warren School Update; Halloween determination (if EEE threat still exists); Update on Vape Ban (other towns extending ban). Mr. Daniele will reach out to Superintendent Jim Adams. The next scheduled date would be November 5th, which is Election Day. Mr. Oram will check with the Town Clerk to determine if meetings would be allowed on that date.

Public Discussion on Tobacco Regulations revisions / Vote on Proposed Amendments – 7:00 PM

Mr. Daniele began the Public Discussion by noting that the discussion is exclusive to the changes the Board is proposing to the already approved Tobacco Regulations, which go into effect January 1st, 2020. Mr. Daniele reviewed the proposed changes throughout the document and noted that, in essence, the changes are: defining smoke accessories; only licensed tobacco sales vendors may sell smoke accessories; and, you must be 21 to purchase. Mr. Oram noted that the proposed changes/Regulations were sent out via email twice to the tobacco vendors, as well as through the regional tobacco agent. Mark Dassoni inquired as to the correlation between the tobacco regulations and marijuana; Mr. Daniele noted this public discussion is irrelevant to the sale of marijuana. Mr. Dassoni inquired and Mr. Daniele responded that it does not require Town Meeting vote.

Mr. Daniele closed the Public Discussion.
Adjournment
Motion: Mr. Narayana made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.
ASHLAND BOARD OF HEALTH
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT THE 10/1/2019 MEETING
(All items stored in the Board of Health files unless otherwise noted)

1. Flyer for Framingham/Ashland Flu Clinic
2. Governor’s Declaration of Emergency on Vaping Products
3. MDPH Order pursuant to the Governor’s Declaration on Vaping Products
4. Year-to-date Budget FY20
5. Cremation Form
6. Situational Awareness Report #9
7. MDPH Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report
8. Draft Minutes, September 17, 2019
9. Video recording of the Meeting is available on wacatv.org.