Diane Mortensen, Chair
Judi Teller, Clerk
Mark Oram, Agent/Director

Chris Daniele, Vice Chair
Ronald Etskovitz, Member
Koduvayur Narayana, Member

Members Present:
Diane Mortensen, Chris Daniele, Judi Teller and Koduvayur Narayana

Members Absent:
Ronald Etskovitz

Others Present:
Mark Oram, Health Agent/Director
Laura Clifford, Administrative Secretary

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

Citizen’s Participation
None.

Review Joint Letter (with Select Board) to Governor Baker in support of Temporary Vaping Ban
Mr. Oram noted that a Member of the Select Board, Brandi Kinsman, has drafted a joint letter to Governor Baker on behalf of both Boards; Mr. Oram believes the letter is appropriate based on the data regarding vaping, particularly youth vaping.

Motion: Ms. Teller made a motion to bring the matter up for Reconsideration. Mr. Daniele seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.
Board Members discussed the letter; Ms. Mortensen noted that she is comfortable with the draft, and happy with the way it turned out.

Motion: Mr. Narayana made a motion to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign on behalf of the Board, and submit to the Board of Selectmen to forward to Governor Charlie Baker. Mr. Daniele seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Amendments to the Regulation of the Ashland Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Systems, Effective 1/1/2020
Ms. Mortensen noted that the Board could opt to wait until there is a full Board to vote on the revisions to the Tobacco Regulations. The Board had previously voted on the draft, and then held a public discussion. The Board agreed to wait until there is a full Board to vote.
Vote on minor revisions to the Fee Schedule
The Board reviewed the current Fee Schedule and the proposed revised Fee Schedule; Mr. Oram noted that the changes are mainly for clarity.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion to approve the changes to the Fee Schedule, as highlighted here. Mr. Narayana seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Clerk’s Report
Air Quality Report Update – Warren School
Mr. Daniele reported that he had reached out to Superintendent Jim Adams as to the status of the air quality work at Warren School and has received an update and report from Mr. Adams, which he read to the Board Members. Mr. Daniele read reports and recommendations regarding the testing which was conducted on 8/26/2019, 8/27/2019 and 9/3/2019. Mr. Adams’ response noted that additional testing will be conducted over the following weeks, once this information is received he will pass it along.

Trick or Treating in respect to EEE Risk Levels
Ms. Teller thought it would be important to discuss Trick or Treating and Halloween events, given that there is currently still a Critical Risk level for EEE, and we have not yet had a hard frost. Mr. Oram noted that he spoke to the Police Chief who would be the final authority to make any call; Chief Alfano noted that he would honor whatever the Board of Health suggests. Mr. Oram noted that we only have jurisdiction over Town property, and restaurants.

Motion: Mr. Daniele made a motion that the Board make a public statement here, that as long as we are at Critical Risk for EEE, our recommendation is to finish trick-or-treating by dusk, and to take proper precautions when outside. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Review Data received from Sargent Ed Burman regarding Narcan Use by Ashland PD
The Board reviewed historical data regarding the number of responses by the Ashland Police Department as to overdoses since 2016; the number of deaths, and the number of times narcan was administered. The Board discussed the Narcan Grant, Mr. Oram noted that when we get the narcan the trainer will train the family or individual; there is no way of tracking whether or not the narcan was used. The Board acknowledged Sargent Ed Burman and Dr. John Reap for their assistance in the program.

Chair’s Report
Update on Regionalization of Nursing Services
Ms. Mortensen discussed the roundtable discussion that she and Mr. Oram attended with surrounding communities to discuss regionalization of nursing services; topics covered were town needs, visions for the future, and budget. A facilitator collected the information and a follow-up meeting will be held. Ms. Mortensen noted that we have a good working relationship with Framingham, who are handling our residents currently; they have had a couple dozen families come to the Framingham clinic for school vaccinations. A free flu vaccination clinic will be held at McCarthy School in Framingham on October 26th for Framingham and Ashland residents. Ms. Mortensen would like to keep this item on the agenda to keep the Board updated.
Health Agent’s Report

Budget FY20 Updates
Mr. Oram noted that by the next meeting date he should have information pertaining to the 2021 budget to share with the Board. The current budget is in good shape. If any Members are interested in the MAHB conference, they may sign up and send us the invoice. The revolving fund budget has been updated. There is $16,123 available in the tobacco revolving fund; interviews for a tobacco control agent were conducted this week. Ms. Mortensen noted that she had a discussion with the Food Inspector, Tom Curran, who indicated he is willing to work additional hours. Ms. Mortensen suggested that if there are specific goals for the Food Inspection Program that we are looking to meet, we could discuss those. Mr. Oram noted that he and Mr. Curran discussed increasing inspections of supermarkets, nursing homes and larger restaurants to three times per year.

Updates on Eastern Equine Encephalitis including public information, outside events and aerial spraying
Mr. Oram noted that the aerial mosquito spraying is concluded for the year and Situational Awareness Reports continue to be sent out weekly while there is still a risk of EEE, and until we receive a hard frost, 28 degrees for four hours.

Flu Clinics for Town and employees
In addition to the flu clinic in Framingham, an employee flu clinic will also be held for Town employees on Wednesday, October 30th.

Approval of Cremation Forms and Regulations per Mass General Laws Chapter 111, Section 43
Mr. Oram explained that Town Counsel’s office made changes to the Cremation Form; the form will need to be signed off by John Matarese, Tara Ward or himself, as burial agent. The Board Members discussed including an additional signature line, and whether the male/female line should be changed to say “gender”, Mr. Oram will speak to Town Counsel on this.

Update on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health emergency temporary ban on vaping products and cessation programs / Nicotine Reduction Therapies (NRT) products
Mr. Oram noted that the ban for the sale of vape products is still in place until January 25, 2020, legislation is being reviewed to make this a permanent ban. The Standing Order was sent to all pharmacies and authorizes a person over 18 years of age or older to use their health insurance to obtain smoking/vaping cessation products without going to a doctor. Ms. Mortensen read the Standing Order. The Board asked Mr. Oram to get clarification as to whether Nicotine Replacement Therapy products will be given at no charge to persons who are uninsured. The Board agreed they would like to get this important information out to the public via social media and cable. Mr. Daniele noted that the prescription Chantex would not be given out by a pharmacist, and would need to be prescribed by a doctor.

New food establishments, Dulce D Leche, 2 Mauros and King Bibi’s
Mr. Oram noted Dulce D Leche, 200 Homer Avenue, is now open for business and is quite a manufacturing facility. Another breakfast/lunch facility will be moving in to the old Papa Gino’s, 2Mauro’s, this is their second facility. Mr. Oram explained that they are in the process of installing an external grease trap, the plans are being reviewed by himself and Tom Curran. Their opening is planned for late November/early December. Another new restaurant in Town is located at the Excell gas station, and is called King Bibi’s, a flair of Brazilian and Turkish pizza type products. A large restaurant will be going into the old Blockbuster building, Mr. Oram has had an initial meeting with the owner.
Review Minutes, September 17, 2019 and October 1, 2019
Board Members reviewed the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting.
**Motion:** Ms. Teller made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2019. Mr. Narayana seconded the motion.
**Vote:** 3-0-1. Motion approved. (Ms. Mortensen abstained as she was not present for this meeting).

Board Members reviewed the minutes from the October 1, 2019.
**Motion:** Mr. Narayana made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for October 1, 2019. Ms. Teller seconded the motion.
Vote: 3-0-1. Motion approved. (Ms. Mortensen abstained as she was not present for this meeting).

Discuss Future Agenda Topics for October 29, 2019 and Future Meeting Dates
Board Members agreed the next meeting dates will be November 19, 2019, and December 3, 2019. Topics will be Tobacco Regulations, Cremation Form, Nursing Services, and approve grease trap waivers.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.
ASHLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT THE 10/15/2019 MEETING
(All items stored in the Board of Health files unless otherwise noted)

1. Fee Schedule
2. Narcan Statistics as of 10-2-2019
3. Flyer for Framingham/Ashland Flu Clinic
4. Governor’s Declaration of Emergency on Vaping Products
5. MDPH Standing Order pursuant to the Governor’s Declaration on Vaping Products
6. Year-to-date Budget FY20
7. Cremation Form
8. Situational Awareness Report #9
9. MDPH Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report
10. Draft Minutes, September 17, 2019 and October 1, 2019
11. Video recording of the Meeting is available on wacatv.org.