

Health Department
Monthly Regular Meeting Minutes
Location: Everett City Hall, Health Department, Rm 20
Monday, April 13, 2026

Attendees: Dr. Sean Connolly, Deanne Mullett, Joan LaVecchio, Sabrina Firicano, Bonny Carroll, Lisa Stevens, Daniel Griffin, Nadine Panwale, Jai Patel, Jalph Patel, Ali Ouahi, Aclraf Rami, Mostafa Mehaya, Vansh Patel, Giovanna Martins, Gustavo Nogueira, Malik Hayat

Minutes Taken by: Caitlin Norden

Motion to Open Meeting 6:00 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Deanne Mullett, Joan LaVecchio
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Motion to Accept Minutes from the February meeting

- **Motion moved:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Tobacco Update Bonny Carroll:

- Lisa Stevens the tobacco control director with the mass municipal association provides legal assistance to the cities and towns of Massachusetts. Lisa is here with Bonny to answer any questions.
- The FDA grants a marketing granted order before products can go on the shelves for sale.
- If a product does not have a marketing granted order, that product is being sold illegally.
- Federal laws supersede local and state laws.
- The state has been rolling out letters slowly so that each city has time for the city solicitors to look it over and craft their letters as it will be a big deal for retailers as a lot of the products on the shelves currently do not have marketing granted orders.
- This letter was sent to Somerville first as they only have 7 tobacco stores.
- Somerville's City Solicitor gave the date of May 1st to sell down their products.
- Each city has the right to decide the date they want to go by.
- Some cities have given more time so the retailers can sell down more of their products.
- Because this is a federal law, the state will not enforce this law. However, it is required that the state tobacco control officer reports to the FDA if any illegal products are found in the store.
- When it becomes time to renew tobacco permits, the board of health could opt to say that you were in violation of the FDA laws and it is up to the board whether or not they will issue a permit.
- Upon receiving a tobacco permit, retailers agree to abide by local, state, and federal laws. Selling these products would be in violation of the Federal law.
- This letter has not been sent out to Everett retailers yet; they can sell products until there is a date chosen by the city.
- Because this is the Federal law, the board does not need to hold a hearing for this matter, does not need to change the regulations, and does not need to approve this.

Motion to Open Citizens Time 6:09 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Deanne Mullett, Joan LaVecchio
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

- About 20 Tobacco retailers spoke and shared information and concerns with the board regarding why this FDA law would hurt their businesses.
- The board reiterated that tonight's meeting was informational and not a hearing. They cannot make the decisions on this matter as it is a federal law.
- We will put out information after meeting with the city solicitor on any changes.

Motion to Close Citizens Time 7:15 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Deanne Mullett, Joan LaVecchio
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Body Art Regulations - Areola

- Will be put on the May agenda.

Health Department Director's Report

- Working on employing all summer hours.
- Fully staffed with school nursing positions.

Motion: To Adjourn at 7:20 PM

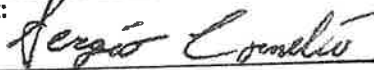
- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Deanne Mullett, Joan LaVecchio
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM in the Health Department Conference Room, Second Floor, Room 20

Posted in accordance with the
provisions of Mass. General Laws
Chapter 30A- Sections 18-25

on 4/23/26 at 1:33pm

Attest:



Sergio Cornelio City Clerk