

Town of Gorham, Board of Health

Meeting Minutes for May 1st, 2023

Online Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm
 - a. Attendees: Dr. Colby Wyatt, Melissa Vanmeter, and Councilor Ginny Wilder Cross
2. Meeting minutes from 3.29.23 reviewed
 - a. Dr. Wyatt approved minutes. Melissa Vanmeter seconded the motion.
3. Discussed next steps for proposal of flavored nicotine products
 - a. Councilor Wilder-Cross discussed proposal communication with Town Council Chair Lee Pratt.
 - i. Councilor Pratt requested to wait for outcome from State of Maine legislative bill
 - b. Reviewed bill number LD 1215 presented for public hearing at the State House on April 24th, 2023
 - i. Bill would “Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products”—
electronic smoking devices described, all flavored tobacco with taste or smell other than tobacco
 - ii. Violation of proposed bill from retailers would result in civil violation.
Violation fines – 1st violation \$1000; previous conviction results in \$5000 fine.
 - c. Expect to learn of state bill results by mid/late June
 - i. Dependent on state bill results – Board of Health to prepare a request to present flavored nicotine proposal to Town Council
 - ii. Councilor Wilder-Cross to follow up with Maine State Representative, Maureen Terry for update on bill progression
 - iii. Melissa to connect with school nurses about flavored tobacco product use
4. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 26th at 6pm VIA Zoom
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm