

Town of Mansfield

Board of Health

June 26, 2025 Minutes

Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment, and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Kasia Frenette, Chair, Chris West, Emily Beura, Amy Donovan-Palmer.

Absent: Graham Wilson, Ryan Maxwell

Guests: None

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on June 26, 2025 by Ms. Kasia Frenette.

II. Correspondence

None

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Emily Beura, seconded by Chris West. Passed unanimously 3-0.

IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes made by Chris West, seconded by Emily Beura. Passed unanimously 3-0.

V. Bristol – Presentation on MAHB Conference

Ms. Beura and Ms. West shared a presentation that captured a high-level snapshot covered during the MAHB Conference and brought back to share with the Mansfield BOH.

VI. Tobacco Sales Regulations Discussion – Nicotine Free Generation

Ms. Beura suggested to the Board that we set a target date to make some final decisions on Nicotine Free Generation. Most of the members feel that they are not winning to adopt this in the town of Mansfield at this time, but would like to re-visit and discuss in January 2026. Ms. Frenette also suggested to the Board that if a tobacco permit holder establishment closes, or decides they no longer want the permit, then the permit will no longer exist, and no new permits will be issued.

VII. Inclusion of Nicotine Pouch Restrictions

Ms. Beura suggested adding information regarding the nicotine pouches to the Health Department website, Facebook, and monthly newsletter. All members agreed that was a great idea.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer asked the Board regarding nicotine pouches, if the Board would like to consider limiting the amount of nicotine available? Ms. Frenette stated that they suggested restricting it to 6mg/per individual pouch. Ms. Donovan-Palmer will add this to the Tobacco regulations to be voted on in August.

The Board will revisit the Nicotine Pouch Restrictions in January 2026.

VIII. Envision Hotel Pool Discussion

Ms. Donovan Palmer explained to the Board that the Envision Hotel has been great is sending weekly logs to make sure they are in compliance, but more importantly when they are not in compliance what are in the notes. It shows that the person in charge is aware what is going on, and how to correct the levels if they are out of compliance.

Ms. Donovan-Palmer told the Manager, she would ask the Board if we can do away with sending weekly logs to the Health Agent, and within the next month Ms. Donovan-Palmer will ask for a month or two worth of logs.

Ms. Beura made a motion to no longer require the Envision Hotel to send records to the Public Health Department, seconded by Ms. West. Passed unanimously 3-0.

IX. MHOA As Tobacco Agent – BOH Vote

Ms. Donovan-Palmer explained that the State funds money to the MHOA to be the Towns Tobacco Agent, because we are not part of a tobacco collaborative. The Board just needs to agree that the MHOA can be appointed as our Tobacco Control Agent. This consist of 1 compliance check, and 1 inspection check.

Ms. West made a motion to approve and appoint the Massachusetts Health officers Association as a Mansfield Tobacco Control Agent during the time that there is a contract between the Town of Mansfield and the MHOA for tis work to be conducted, seconded by Ms. Beura. Passed unanimously 3-0.

X. Pet Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas

Ms. Donovan-Palmer shared that one of our food establishments reached out asking if dogs were allowed in outdoor food establishment areas. Ms. Donovan-Palmer looked into this, and if a business wants to allow dogs, then there should be a policy in place, that we can offer to the town.

As of now, you can't have dogs in the outdoor food establishment areas, until the board allows it. Service dogs are allowed anywhere.

Ms. West made a motion to approve the policy to not allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas. Passed unanimously 3-0.

XI. BOH Goals and Objectives Discussion

Ms. Beura noted a couple changes made to the goals and objectives. Ms. Frenette is going to update the Goals and Objectives with more of what our Regional Public Health Nurse has completed.

The Board decided to go through the Environmental Health section and review it at the August 14th meeting. Maura our summer Intern will also be attending the August meeting, to give her final presentation.

XII. Public Health Nursing Report & Infectious Disease Updates

Ms. Frenette mentioned that ticks/Lyme disease are increasing, so make sure you are taking all precautions if your doing yard work, or in a heavily wooded area.

Summer is also a time when food borne illness can increase, so make sure your following all the requirements when it comes to food safety.

XIII. Report on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Health Department hosted the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 21, 2025. There were 275 cars that come though, and everything ran very smoothly.

The DPW was outstanding in setting up the traffic route, and the entire town was so super helpful with the collaboration they gave us.

Unfortunately, Household Hazardous Waste Day was cut from the budget next year, but we are working to see if there are other options, so we can make the event happen.

XIV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

None.

XV. Important Dates

Free Health Screenings including blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, Hands only CPR and associated prevention information

- 2nd Tuesday at the COA, 255 Hope Street, 9am-12pm
- 3rd Wednesday at Town Hall, 6 Park Row, 9am-12pm

XVI. Department Updates

- Permitting: Working on Renewals and New Fee Structure.
 - o Bristol-Norfolk Public Health Partners Coalition Grants Update
 - o Public Health Excellence Grant Program for Shared Services
 - o Local health support for COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing
- PFAS
- Website/ Social Media Update
- Housing Inspections
- FOG
- Grants
 - o FDA Retail Standards Grant

XVII. Visitor Comments

None.

XVIII. Items not known 48 hours prior

None.

XIX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm made by Emily Beura, seconded by Chris West. Approved 3-0.

Clerk

Date