



CITY OF REVERE – Board of Health

Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2026

Call of Members: Dr. Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathleen Savage (Via Zoom), Viviana Catano Merino

City of Revere staff: Lauren Buck, Michael Wells, Paula Sepulveda

Attendees: Attorney Anthony Brunco outside council for City Revere. Bonny Carroll, Director of the Six-City Tobacco Initiative

Topic Discussed: Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the February 26 meeting were presented to the Board and approved.

Topic Discussed: Public Health Communicable Disease Monthly Report

Lauren Buck presented the communicable disease report for the month of March and provided updates from Health and Human Services, including information on Medication Safety Week and the Lifesavers League class.

Topic Discussed: Inspectional Services monthly report

- Michael Wells presented an overview of all inspections conducted by the Inspectional Services Department in the month of March
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Topic Discussed: Appeal: Inspection Report, Terence Glenn, 650 Ocean Ave Apt 709

- Terence Glenn was not present appeal, and was denied
 - Dr. Bunker
 - Viviana Catano Merino
 - Kathleen Savage

Topic Discussed: Updates from Bonny Carrol regarding changes to FDA Marketing Granted Orders

- Bonny explained the letter the Board received from the Massachusetts Health Officers Association. The Board does not need to take any action; the letter is for informational purposes only. Retailers will be subject to increased inspections.
- Three agencies conduct tobacco inspections: the Department of Revenue and the Food and Drug Administration, Six City Tobacco Initiative
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires a Federal Marketing Granted Order, and many tobacco-related products currently on local store shelves do not have one, meaning they will need to be removed.
- Bonny explained that the Board does not need to vote on this matter because it is governed by federal law.
- The City of Somerville has sent a letter to retailers requesting the removal of certain products. Bonny showed examples to the Board.

- Bonny highlighted that this would have an economic impact on retailers.
- Michael Wells, Lauren Buck, and Bonny discussed questions related to enforcement and process.

Topic Discussed: The Board discussed the Kratom presentation and identifies the next steps

- Board members discussed the Kratom presentation from February
- Viviana stated that she would like to go ahead and remove products from the community. Kathleen stated that she would like the products banned but recognizes that there are two types: synthetic and natural. Dr. Bunker agreed that there are two types but noted that, because the content of the products is not well known, the distinction between synthetic and natural may be unclear. He added that most of what is being sold in the city is synthetic. He further stated that if the city wants to remain safe, the products should be banned until there is a way to distinguish between natural and synthetic products
- Mike Fisher from Saugus stated that natural kratom is present in the community and that it is produced in the country. He asked the Board to regulate only synthetic products.
- Board members agreed that kratom should be banned and that the next step is to draft regulations.

Topic Discussed: License renewals

- Chicken keeping renewal: Carmela & Luigi DiChiar
 - Dr. Drew Bunker – Yes
 - Viviana Catano Merino- Yes
 - Kathleen Savage – Yes
- Chicken keeping renewal: Joseph DiCenso
 - Dr. Drew Bunker – Yes
 - Viviana Catano Merino- Yes
 - Kathleen Savage – Yes
- Bee Keeping Renewal: Damian DeMarco
 - Dr. Drew Bunker – Yes
 - Viviana Catano Merino- Yes
 - Kathleen Savage – Yes
- Bee Keeping Renewal: Aldo De Oliveira
 - Dr. Drew Bunker – Yes
 - Viviana Catano Merino- Yes
 - Kathleen Savage – Yes