

## Stoneham Coalition

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 5:30pm Meeting Minutes: Town Hall Banquet Hall**

### **Attendance:**

Elle Simoni, Peg Drummey, Kayla Vodka, Carol O'Loughlin, Megan Samborski, Pat Healey, Maureen Buzby, Katie Marek, Lauren Constantine, Ryan Goyette, Shelly MacNeill, Ben Jacques, Becky Jacques, Judy Sadacca, Michael Colotti, Jim McIntyre, Patrick Carroll, Peter Burke, Terry Dean, Ryan McGowan-Conran

### **Welcome / Intro/ No Minutes from Dec – Shelly MacNeill**

**New Tobacco Laws- Maureen Buzby** – Overview of new tobacco laws effecting both state and local. 21+ to purchase tobacco in every state. Maureen also shared update to Stoneham BOH. Malden BOH voted to restrict menthol to tobacco only stores, local communities are moving forward with regulations.

MA State updates- all flavors are banned, only tobacco flavor allowed. Effective 6/1 all flavored tobacco products will be banned, including menthol cigarettes. MA is first state to pass. Menthol is more addictive and harder to quit. More Info: [Mass.gov/tobaccobill](http://Mass.gov/tobaccobill)

Adds 75 percent excise tax to keep price higher and use rates lower. 30% of excise tax will go to prevention and treatment. Non flavored vaping products (greater than 35mg/m) restricted to adult-only stores. Adds sale to minor fine to first violation is \$100, second violation is \$200 fine and 7 day suspension of their tobacco permit, 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$300 fine and 30 day suspension. Lottery can also step in and suspend. Relate to sale to a minor and selling a ban related product. 1000, 2000, 5000 violations. Goal to educate retailers and multiple notices.

Retail store inspection update- most stores in Stoneham in compliance. Found very few flavored products. Stores need to remove game blue cigars which are vanilla flavored.

Stop n save, only adult only store, overview of hemp products. No underage youth can come in the store. Ma definition of adult only—you can only have products related to sale of nicotine. Lottery, soda machine, other products. Concerns over products such as UPass and Stream.

### **New Grant Funding- Elle Simoni - description of new grant funds**

- SBCEF- \$600 Grant for a training from Dr. Romas 4/30
- Stoneham Cultural Council- \$850- “Matting the Change Project”
- I am Strong Foundation- “Revolution of Me” certified art therapist
- Safe med disposal conversation– seniors/ dr doyle, funeral homes, in office for patients

### **Upcoming Projects-**

Students to seniors – Pen Pal- fall 2020. 5<sup>th</sup> grade English- meet up and monthly letters, stoneham housing authorities.

Community Impact Team- Discussion of creation of new team for complex local cases that may need input from other organizations. Goal is to share resources, break silos, support.

Parent University Update- Overview of event/ timing and sessions. Discussion of potential speakers. Possible leads include wic, nan project (anxiety), lbgtq Cambridge health alliance.

#### **Donation Account Expenditures-**

Screen- Purchase a screen and equipment to use for movie screenings and education events using donation account. Vote via email to the board - Motion up to \$3000 on equipment Chief McIntyre make motion, Shelly MacNeill, second, All were in favor. Will be emailed to board for approval

#### **Upcoming Events/News/Announcements**

- MLK Event 1/19/20 1 – 2 pm
- Free Skate 2/17 1 -3pm
- Mental health substance use and trauma- additional data from YRBS. Discussion of link between mental health and substance use.
- Coalition and community Promotion

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30 PM – Town Hall Banquet Hall**