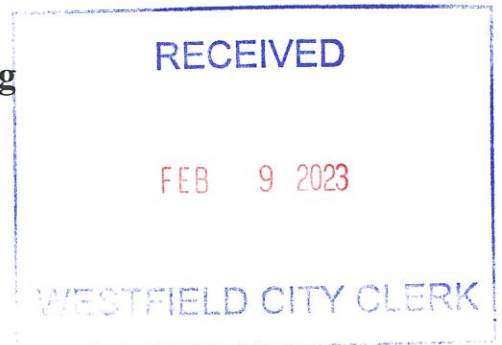




City of Westfield, Massachusetts
Health Department

Board of Health Special Meeting
Room 315A
January 18, 2023



Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Stanley Strzempko, M.D.

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Consideration for the Issuance of a Tobacco Sales License to Heavy Cloud Smokes, LLC – 43 Southwick Rd: A potential new owner of the now-closed Whip City Smokes establishment spoke to the Board. He stated that he resides in New York; has no affiliation with Shaffie Mohamed, the prior owner; and plans to operate a law-abiding smoke and vape shop. He stated he also planned to purchase a scanning device which could detect fake ID's. The plaza owner spoke in favor of this new establishment.

A variety of questions were asked and discussions held between the potential new owner, Board members and Health Inspector Thomas Hibert. The Board stated their concerns with the opening of another smoke shop at this location as this site has been known for illegal activities. Ms. Carnes believes that it would be irresponsible to open the same type of business at this address due to prior issues. Dr. Strzempko indicated that this location has been a magnet for trouble and suspects it will continue to be so. Ms. Carnes stated that this establishment has been a problem for the police, federal agents, and Health Dept. and believes this to be a safety issue for the City. Opening another smoke and vape shop at this location would not be in the community's best interest.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the consideration for the issuance of a tobacco sales license to Heavy Cloud Smokes, LLC at 43 Southwick Rd.

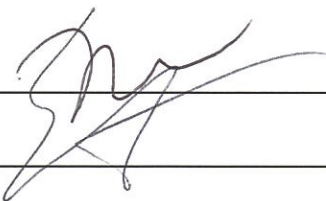
The vote was as follows:

Carnes – No
Strzempko – No

The Motion was declared lost.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



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Next anticipated meeting date: February 8, 2023