

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – December 4, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, at the Senior Center Conference Room at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were:; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist; Joyce Redford, North Shore Tobacco Control Program and C.R. Lyons, Sub-Registrar of Burial Permits.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 6, 2008

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of November 6, 2008

### **TOBACCO CONTROL**

Mirandi informed the Board that two establishments, Route 114 Sunoco and White Hen Pantry were ordered to appear for a public hearing after having made a sale of tobacco to a minor during a compliance check the previous month. In addition, both establishments have been issued thirty day permit suspensions. Route 114 Sunoco has not initiated their suspension based on their request for a hearing on the matter; however, the White Hen Pantry had started their suspension on November 17 as ordered. Redford added, that the violations occurred on October 28, 2008, each establishment was issued a \$300.00 fine and this was after three educational visits during which information on how to maintain compliance and free signage was provided. Additionally, postcard reminders are mailed quarterly.

Representing Route 114 Sunoco was owner Joseph Faris. Faris explained to the Board that he provides training in-house to his employees on tobacco control laws and the register requires a date of birth to be entered prior to making a sale of tobacco. The employee on duty at the time simply entered a date of January 1, 1970. Faris did not deny what happened and reviewed the surveillance footage and observed the sale. Redford recommended to the Board that in addition to the 30 day suspension of their permit, they be ordered to attend training at the Office of North Shore Tobacco Control. Kowalski motioned that the thirty day suspension of the permit to sell tobacco products be upheld and that the staff of Route 114 Sunoco be ordered to attend training. Swindell seconded the motion and the Board unanimously passed the motion. As a consolation to Route 114 Sunoco for their cooperation and honesty in the matter, the Board agreed to their request of withholding the suspension until January 2, 2009.

Representing White Hen Pantry was owners Abdeltif Farid and his wife as well as Robert Pelletier, Regional Manager of White Hen Pantry. Redford informed the Board that this establishment violated three of its four compliance checks since opening. On October 28, 2008 they were found to be out of compliance with the Board's Youth Access Regulation and were issued a \$300.00 fine and a thirty Day suspension of their permit to sell tobacco, effective November 17, 2008. Mr. Farid explained to the Board that he has a high turnover rate for employees, but each one signs an agreement with White Hen stating that they will not sell tobacco products to minors. Additionally, the register asks for a date of birth, but after reviewing the surveillance footage, the employee entered a random date. Mrs. Farid further stated that the NSTCP youth that was used in the compliance check was obviously under 18.

Redford again offered a free training to White Hen Pantry which the owners gladly accepted. The Board expressed their disappointment and explained that further violations will result in six month suspensions of their permit to sell tobacco products. As the permit suspension was already in effect, no motion to uphold the suspension was necessary.

Finally, Mirandi informed the Board that the School Department continues to issue fines for smoking on school property. The Board expressed their concern that these tickets were only being issued to students and not to staff, faculty or others. Mirandi agreed to investigate this with the School Department.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the November 6 meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (11/06/08)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	0
Body Art (Est.)	0	0
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	1	11
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	30
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	2
Tanning Est.	1	1
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0
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Total	2	48

### PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported the following investigations have been conducted since the November 6 meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (11/06/08)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Air Quality	0	0
Animal Control	0	2
Bathing	0	0
Food Safety	0	6
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	12	35
Hazardous Waste	0	1
Institutional Sanitation	0	0
Pest Control	1	3
Solid Waste	0	5
Waste Water	0	0
Water	0	0
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Total	13	52

## DUMPSTER REGULATION

Carleo presented the Board with a final draft regulation entitled Minimum Standards for the Transportation, Removal and Disposal of Waste and Offensive Substances and the Maintenance of Dumpsters and Portable Toilets. In attendance was C.R. Lyons, Chairman of the Downtown Improvement Committee who expressed his support for the regulation with the exception of the penalties. Lyons believed that the penalties, although in accordance with Town By-Law, were significantly lower than they should be.

## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Camarro reported that after conducting three flu clinics, and additional clinics at the schools and Town Hall, 80 doses remain.

### EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (11/06/08)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	1
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	1	1
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	3
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	1	5
Influenza	0	0
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	8	19
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	1
Salmonellosis	0	6
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	4

Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	12	45

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**STRAYS IN NEED**

Marcotti reported that Strays in Need is holding numerous cats with few adoptions.

**RABIES REPORT**

Animal Health Specialist Marcotti gave the monthly rabies report report.

The following bites have been reported since the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (11/06/08)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Wild Animals	0	0
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TOTAL =	0	0

**PEST CONTROL**

No report on pest control was available at this time.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Carleo reported that the LEPC will be holding a sub-committee meeting on the By-Law during December.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk