

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – August 07, 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; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist; and Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse. Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; Martha Swindell, Member; and Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health were excused.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 05, 2008

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of June 05, 2008.

REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE PLUMBING CODE

Carleo introduced to the Board, Joan Ross, owner of a proposed photo studio to be built in a tenant space at 301 Newbury Street. Carleo reminded the Board that those seeking variances from the plumbing code must apply to the Board of Health first, and then seek approval from the Commonwealth. Chairman Kellard asked what the purpose of the variance was and why Ross was seeking it. Ross replied that she wishes to delete one of the bathrooms from her floor plan. Her floor plan is set up in such a way that any person seeking to use the bathroom would walk directly through her camera and the subject of her photography. In addition, her work is by appointment only, so the number of customers in her studio at any one time is under her control. Chairman Kellard asked if the owner of the property is aware of this variance request to which Ross replied they are. Kowalski, not seeing any negative impact on public health as a result of granting the variance moved that the variance be approved. All were in favor.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the May meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (06/05/08)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	4
Body Art (Est.)	0	3
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	2	203
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	30	40
Rec Camps	5	5
Septage Haulers	0	2
Tanning Est.	0	0

Man Housing	0	0
Wells		0

Total	37	257

Carleo informed the Board that Recreational Camps for Children take considerable time to permit, approximately 10 hours but we are limited to a \$50.00 permit fee by statute. In addition, Carleo reminded the Board that the number of food establishments continues to climb well above 200 as opposed to the 185 which were permitted when he was hired almost seven years ago.

MENNINO BROTHERS

Carleo informed the Board that Mennino Brothers has apparently resolved their odor issue for now. No complaints have been received and Carleo has not detected the odor for the last month or more. Therefore, Mennino Brothers will be removed from the agenda, but will still be routinely monitored. Failure to maintain his exhaust ventilation system will result in a resurgence of odor.

DUMPSTER REGULATIONS

Carleo provided the Board with a copy of a draft Dumpster and Portable Toilet Regulation and asked that the Members review these regulations carefully and be prepared to discuss, amend or approve them in the fall to prepare for the January permitting season.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that contrary to a prior decision, Spring into Shape will continue to run due to its success. At this time, 32 participants are registered. The Recreation Division of the Department of Planning and Human Services will assist with registrations, fee collections and promotion. Nurse Camarro also informed the Board that she is beginning to prepare for our annual flu clinic.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the June 5 2008 meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (06/05/08)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	2
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	6
Chicken Pox	0	2
Clostridium	0	0
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	5
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	1

Ehrlichiosis	0	1
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	1
Giardiasis	0	6
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	1
Hepatitis B	1	4
Hepatitis C	1	12
Influenza	0	0
Latent TB Infection	0	2
Legionellosis	0	3
Lyme Disease	6	36
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	2
Pneumonia	0	1
Salmonellosis	1	9
Shigellosis	0	2
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	5
Toxoplasma IGG	0	1
Tuberculosis	0	6
Tuberculosis follow up	0	2
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	10	111

ANIMAL CONTROL

STRAYS IN NEED

In Marcotti's absence, no report on Strays in Need was available.

RABIES REPORT

No bite report was available at the time; however, Carleo informed the Board that we have recently received a notification from DPH regarding Bats and Rabies. Our protocol for bats which have entered a dwelling is test the bat for rabies even if an exposure is uncertain. The carrier rates are high, bats can bite you while you sleep without you knowing it and rabies is incurable and 100% percent fatal.

PEST CONTROL

Carleo reported that the Office continues to receive reports of rats in several neighborhoods. According to minutes of the Board of Health, rats have been an historical issue in Danvers with no answer as to why.

TOBACCO CONTROL

Carleo informed the Board that a recent report on tobacco use has revealed it causes cancer.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that an evaluation of our Emergency Dispensing Site was recently conducted and we scored a 97%. Carleo also reported that the Danvers LEPC continues to meet and is currently in the process of reviewing our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk