

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – July 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Edmund Kowalski, in 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: Linda Carroll, Member; Robert Kellard M.D Member; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector and Leslie Carabello, Public Health Nurse. Absent was Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 08, 2006 MEETING

The Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the June 8th meeting.

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that no reports of food-borne illness were received from the Family Festival activities. Most food vendors do not submit applications, requiring us to permit and inspect them as we find them.

Also, as of July 1st, we have begun a round of food establishment inspections. The process takes approximately three months. The Board will receive periodic updates. Frank Giacalone of the Saugus Board of Health and Dai Nguyen of the Brookline Health Department will be assisting us.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Included in the Boards packet was the opinion of Michael Lehane, Town Counsel. In Lehane's professional legal opinion, the Board should not issue permit suspensions based on violations which occurred prior to the amendment of the new regulations. The Board concurred with this. A motion to rescind the permit suspension of the New Bridge Variety and Deli and remind the owner that he has one (1) violation under the new regulation was unanimously approved.

DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Nurse Carabello gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the June 08 meeting (06/08/06):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/08/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	1
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	4
Chicken Pox	0	3
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	1	2
Giardiasis	0	1
Group B Strept	0	6

Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	3	10
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	2	26
MRSA	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	1	1
Salmonellosis	0	3
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	4
Toxoplasmosis	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	4
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolitica	0	0

TOTAL =	8	69

PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL HEALTH

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/08/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	0	9
Wild animal bites	0	1

TOTAL =	0	10

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/08/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Body Piercing & Body Art	0	0
Disposal Works	0	2
Food Establishments	0	184
Funeral Directors	0	6
Massage Establishments	0	19
Motels	0	1
Public & Semi-Public Pools	2	14
Recreational Camps	2	2

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	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/08/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Septage Haulers	0	3
Tanning Establishments	0	5
Manufactured Housing Parks	0	3
Private Wells	0	13

TOTAL =	4	252

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported the following investigations have been conducted since the last meeting:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/08/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Air Quality	0	13
Animal Health	0	5
Food Safety	0	8
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	4	19
Hazardous Waste	0	1
Institutional Sanitation	2	5
Pest Control	3	17
Recreational Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	2	14
Swimming Pools	0	1
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	0	5
Water	0	1

TOTAL =	11	89

WAL-MART

Carleo reported that the incident which had recently occurred at Wal-Mart is still under investigation by the DEP, DPH and Wal-Mart's environmental firm. No additional information was available.

SHADY OAKS

Carleo informed the Board that Mirandi had recently met with the park management. Mirandi was provided with a concept "plan" that he deemed unsatisfactory. Park management informed Mirandi a formal plan would be provided in the coming week.

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Member Carroll reported back to the Board on her activities at Endicott Park Day. Carroll passed out granola bars to children along with a pamphlet on nutrition that was developed by the Recreation Division. Carroll would like to have seen a pamphlet that was geared more towards children. She will continue to work with the Recreation Division to develop this program.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk