

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – August 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, at the Danvers Senior and Social 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; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist; and, Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board accepted the June minutes as written.

### EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers updated the Board on disease investigations since the last meeting:

|                         | Since Last Meeting<br>(06/10/10) | Year to Date<br>(Beginning July 1, 2010) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Aeromonas Hydrophilia   | 0                                | 0  |
| Babesiosis              | 0                                | 0  |
| Campylobacter Enteritis | 0                                | 0  |
| Chicken Pox             | 0                                | 0  |
| Clostridium Difficile   | 0                                | 0  |
| Cryptosporidium         | 0                                | 0  |
| Dengue Fever            | 0                                | 0  |
| EColi 0157:H7           | 0                                | 0  |
| Ehrlichiosis            | 0                                | 0  |
| Erlichia Chaff.         | 0                                | 0  |
| Enterovirus             | 0                                | 0  |
| Giardiasis              | 0                                | 0  |
| Group A Strept          | 0                                | 0  |
| Group B Strept          | 0                                | 0  |
| Hepatitis A             | 0                                | 0  |
| Hepatitis B             | 0                                | 0  |
| Hepatitis C             | 0                                | 0  |
| Influenza               | 0                                | 0  |
| Latent TB Infection     | 0                                | 0  |
| Legionellosis           | 0                                | 0  |
| Lyme Disease            | 2                                | 2  |
| M.R.S.A.                | 0                                | 0  |
| Aseptic Meningitis      | 0                                | 0  |
| Bacterial Meningitis    | 0                                | 0  |
| Neisseria Meningitis    | 0                                | 0  |
| Pertussis               | 0                                | 0  |
| Pneumonia               | 0                                | 0  |
| Salmonellosis           | 0                                | 0  |
| Shigellosis             | 1                                | 1  |
| Streptococcus pneumonia | 0                                | 0  |
| Toxoplasma IGG          | 0                                | 0  |
| Tuberculosis            | 0                                | 0  |
| Tuberculosis follow up  | 0                                | 0  |
| West Nile Virus         | 0                                | 0  |

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|-------------------------|---|---|
| Yersinia Enterocolytica | 0 | 0 |
| -----                   |   |   |
| TOTAL =                 | 3 | 3 |

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### LICENSING & PERMITS

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

| Type             | Monthly<br>Since Last Meeting<br>(06/10/10) | YTD<br>Year to Date<br>(Beginning July 1, 2010) |
|------------------|---|---|
| Body Art (Indv.) | 0   | 0   |
| Body Art (Est.)  | 0   | 0   |
| Disposal Works   | 0   | 0   |
| Food Est.        | 3   | 3   |
| Funeral Dir.     | 0   | 0   |
| Mass Est         | 0   | 0   |
| Motels           | 0   | 0   |
| Pools            | 0   | 0   |
| Rec Camps        | 5   | 5   |
| Septage Haulers  | 0   | 0   |
| Tanning Est.     | 0   | 0   |
| Man Housing      | 0   | 0   |
| Wells            | 0   | 0   |
| -----            |   |   |
| Total            | 8   | 8   |

### PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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

| Type                     | Monthly<br>Since Last Meeting<br>(06/10/10) | YTD<br>Year to Date<br>(Beginning July 1, 2010) |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Air Quality              | 1   | 1   |
| Animal Control           | 1   | 1   |
| Bathing                  | 0   | 0   |
| Food Safety              | 3   | 3   |
| General Env. Health      | 0   | 0   |
| Housing                  | 11  | 11  |
| Hazardous Waste          | 1   | 1   |
| Institutional Sanitation | 1   | 1   |
| Pest Control             | 9   | 9   |
| Rec Camps                | 1   | 1   |
| Solid Waste              | 0   | 0   |
| Waste Water              | 0   | 0   |
| Water                    | 0   | 0   |
| -----                    |   |   |
| Total                    | 35  | 35  |

## **SANDY BEACH**

Carleo reported to the Board that we have had an excellent year so far at Sandy Beach. To date, no weekly test has resulted in a failure and the beach has been able to remain open.

## **CRITICAL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mirandi reviewed data from the past 18 months with the Board. The data was presented as a screen capture of our network drive opened to our files for housing cases. As the Board has been hearing at each monthly meeting during Carleo's general summary of environmental health investigations, housing inspection are the majority of complaints we receive. In 2009, 18 enforcement cases were opened by Carleo. In just the first half of 2010, 22 enforcement cases have been opened. Mirandi will be presenting this data to the Department Director Karen Nelson who will hopefully advocate for the Board of Health with the Town Manager or Assistant Town Manager on providing additional resources to assist us.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT**

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that she still receives steady attendance at all of her fitness classes. She hopes to purchase some new t-shirts for Spring into Shape attendees as the original shirts were provided several years ago at the program's inception. Additionally, Camarro has started a new program aimed at reducing hepatitis A and B among a population which is commonly exposed to an infected with it. Camarro will be providing vaccination for both hepatitis A and B in a new combined vaccine named TwinRx to patients at CAB's methadone clinic. Finally, Camarro informed the Board that she has begun preliminary preparations for our flu clinics. She has taken on interns from Salem State University, attended training for Medicare B reimbursement and has received notice from DPH that we will receive 1600 doses of vaccine.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH**

### **RABIES REPORT**

Marcotti reported no bites since the last meeting have occurred.

### **STRAYS IN NEED**

Marcotti reported that this summer has fortunately been quiet. At this time 3 kittens and 1 adult cat are in the custody of Strays in Need.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Mirandi informed the Board that Betty Heckman has retired as of August 1, 2010. A new ACO, Michael Plunkett has assumed the duties temporarily while purchasing specifications are resolved with the Purchasing Director Diane Norris.

## **PEST CONTROL**

Carleo reported that numerous rat complaints have been received. Many complainants point the finger at the rail trail construction project but in many cases the excavation project was up to a quarter mile away or more. We developed an updated brochure for homeowners regarding pest control. It is our understanding based on some professional consultations that the increase in activity is due to the extreme heat and little to no rainfall which has extended for weeks.

Mirandi informed the Board that DPW had approached the Board of Health seeking a change to our outdoor IPM plans so they may use pesticides to eliminate clover which poses no threat or danger to public health. This is of course against our policy for issuing emergency waivers. We will be holding meetings with DPW over the next few months to discuss a reasonable approach to IPM and the Board of Health will be ultimately responsible for approving, rejecting or amending the policy.

## **TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE:**

No report was available at this time.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the last few years Margaret Whitaker has taken a job with the US Public Health Service, Commissioned Corps.

## **PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**

Mirandi informed the Board that Town Manager Wayne Marquis has yet to review the fee schedule.

## **ADOPTION OF A REGULATION PERTAINING TO ROOMING HOUSES**

Mirandi requested that the Board of Health shelve this regulation. With our current workload we are unable to enact this at this time. The Board agreed.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk