

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – May 6, 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; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; and Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Excused were Martha Swindell, Member; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; and, Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse .

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board accepted the April minutes as amended.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (4/8/10)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2009)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	2
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	1	231
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	1	33
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	3
Tanning Est.	0	1
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0
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Total	2	270

#### PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (4/8/10)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2009)
Air Quality	1	5
Animal Control	0	3
Bathing	0	10
Food Safety	0	28
General Env. Health	0	7
Housing	5	201
Hazardous Waste	0	6
Institutional Sanitation	0	5

Pest Control	1	22
Solid Waste	3	27
Waste Water	0	6
Water	1	1
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Total	11	304

## **PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**

Chairman Kellard requested that in Swindell's absence we table the discussion of our fee schedule until the June meeting.

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

Carleo answered several general questions from the Board on this regulation. Chairman Kellard has some concerns remaining and requested that we continue this discussion at the June meeting with Swindell present.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT**

In Nurse Camarro's absence, Mirandi provided the Nurse's report. The Nurse is currently cleaning up from our H1N1 and seasonal flu clinics. This includes needle disposal and reporting to the Department of Public Health on our activities. Blood pressure clinics are receiving an increase in participation as expected this time of year. This is due to the return of the seniors who live further south during the winter. Spring into Shape and the other exercise classes are well attended. Our Emergency Dispensing Site is looking for a new home due to the renovation of the High School and temporary occupancy and subsequent demolition of the Dunn Wing. Finally, the Nurse will be assisting the Recreation Division with their medical policies for their summer camps.

## **EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT**

Epidemiologist Meyers gave the monthly disease investigation report:

	Since Last Meeting (04/08/09)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2009)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	5
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	1	1
Cryptosporidium	0	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	1
Erlichia Chaff.	0	1
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	4
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	0	2
Hepatitis A	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	6
Hepatitis C	0	7
Influenza	0	3

Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	37
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	2
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	1
Pertussis	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1
Salmonellosis	1	16
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	15
Toxoplasma IGG	0	2
Tuberculosis	0	6
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	4	122

## **ANIMAL HEALTH**

### **RABIES REPORT**

In Marcotti's absence, Mirandi provided the Animal Health Reports. There were 3 bites since the last meeting. All animals were quarantined and released without incident.

### **STRAYS IN NEED**

Activity at Strays in Need has been down slightly. They currently have 2 puppies and 1 kitten which they expect to adopt out tonight.

### **COYOTES**

From feedback from attendees the presentation on Coyotes was a success. Hopefully the education provided results in reduced fears and awareness of their presence.

### **PEST CONTROL**

We have exceeded this line item by quite a bit of money. Services from Orkin and Goose Control have been suspended for the remainder of the fiscal year. We will be brainstorming how to cope with complaints until then.

### **TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE:**

Mirandi received an e-mail from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program which he distributed to the Board. This e-mail was sent as part of a conversation between Peg Sallade of Danvers Cares, Mirandi and Redford regarding Sallade's proposed submission of a letter to the editor that due to its timing seemed to make an attempt at misleading the public as to the facts of outdoor tobacco smoke. To summarize the e-mail written by Eileen Sullivan of MTCP as addressed to Peg Sallade and copied to Mirandi, outdoor tobacco smoke is not on the list of 36 priorities developed by CDC. Additionally,

appropriating resourced to combat a non-public health issue such as outdoor tobacco smoke ties up precious little resources the Commonwealth and Boards of Health have to combat underage smoking. She further stated that tobaccosmoke.org is not a legitimate reference for public health information; banning outdoor smoking is not based on evidence or science; it will not reduce smoking rates in adults or juveniles; such a law is unenforceable by the Board of Health; it will create a public backlash against paternalistic laws; and re-directed the efforts back towards reducing smoking rates particularly in juvenile populations. Carleo urged the Chairman to allow staff to draft a letter to the editor in response to Sallade's draft. The Chairman requested that staff draft the letter for submittal after the Town Meeting vote and after he approved the draft. He warned Carleo not to begin an argument with a group that means well and can help support the Board of Health in our efforts, but rather to thank Town Meeting for accepting the recommendation of the Board of Health.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk