

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – August 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, at Town Manager's 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; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse were excused.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 4, 2007 MEETING

The Board requested that the Clerk amend the minutes to reflect the issuance of a permit to the Skin Rejuvenation Center for Body Art.

STRAYS IN NEED

Chairman Kellard read the following proclamation acknowledging the commitment and efforts of the outgoing officers of Strays in Need.

“For over 18 years, this all volunteer organization has been tirelessly committed to rescuing strays in Danvers and the surrounding towns, and placing them in loving homes. We would like to acknowledge their dedication and thank them for their commitment to these animals in need of their assistance. The numbers of volunteers and supporters are too extensive to mention now but, the key people deserving credit for the success of Strays in Need are:

*Amy Cyr, Danvers Animal Hospital
Betty Heckman, Animal Control Officer for Danvers & Middleton
Dr. George Myers, Danvers Animal Hospital
Lynda Pelletier, President and Administrator
Carlene Storm and David Power*

To these dedicated volunteers, we offer our assurances that the program will remain committed to the humane treatment of Danvers' pet population.

On behalf of the Danvers Board of Health, please accept our heartfelt appreciation.”

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Mirandi provided the Board with a letter from Ray Duffill of the United States Food and Drug Administration's State Programs Branch. Mr. Duffill provided approximately 60 hours of training to Carleo. Duffill stated in this letter that Carleo has “demonstrated the ability to conduct comprehensive risk-based food sanitation inspections.” Duffill further states that “the Town of Danvers is fortunate to have a highly motivated, innovative and competent environmental health officer on its staff.” Chairman Kellard asked that Mirandi forward this to the press.

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

Mirandi informed the Board that on July 25, 2007, this office receiving a complaint alleging an infestation of cockroaches at the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) on Purchase Street. Carleo immediately followed up on this complaint and his inspection resulted in an Emergency Closure Order. The following day, Carleo conducted a re-inspection and found no pest activity. The establishment was allowed to re-open. Carleo conducted an additional inspection the following Monday to be sure no new cockroaches had hatched over the weekend and again found no pest activity. However, numerous violations related to the physical facility, plumbing, water and waste was noted. These violations permitted the infestation to occur in the first place. Mirandi further stated that KFC Management was invited to attend this meeting but were unable to attend. The Office of the Board of Health will issue an Order to Correct to KFC which will require a food safety consultant to develop a maintenance and cleaning schedule to be approved by the Office of the Board of Health. The Board agreed that the employ of a food safety consultant was in line with our standard protocols for enforcement.

PUBLIC HEARING: CRAB HOUSE

Sally Loh, owner of Crab House, a food establishment located at 182 Endicott Street was ordered to appear for a public hearing and was in attendance. Mirandi informed the Board that Carleo had ordered her to appear for this hearing on July 24, 2007 after an inspection by Amanda Celentano which revealed numerous violations related to foodborne illness interventions and risk factors, as well as for operating without a valid permit issued by the Board of Health. The Board provided Ms. Loh the opportunity to be heard as to why she should receive a Permit to Operate. Ms. Loh explained that she takes these issues very seriously and has hired a food safety consultant to develop a cleaning and maintenance schedule and a long term risk control plan in order to comply with the Food Code. The Board required the plan of correction to be delivered to the Office of the Board of Health within two weeks and until such time; a conditional permit shall be issued.

PUBLIC HEARING: CONCORD GAS

The owner of Concord Gas was present to dispute a permit suspension issued for a second offense of providing minors with tobacco products. Mark Dewan, attorney for the owner of Concord Gas was present. The attorney requested a continuance of the matter to allow for more time to prepare an argument. The Board unanimously denied this request. Attorney Dewan was unable to provide any evidence that the sale did not occur. Representing Tobacco Control was Joyce Redford. Redford stated that the sale did occur and in fact, Sergeant Stony of the Danvers Police Department was a witness. The owner of Concord Gas accepted the seven (7) day suspension and \$200.00 fine. The Board advised Concord Gas that a subsequent violation will result in a thirty day suspension.

MERCURY REDUCTION:

Pamela Irwin of the Department of Public Works and Dan Hardy of Covanta Energy were present to lobby the Board on behalf of the environment. Mr. Hardy was seeking support for a local regulation requiring the recycling of fluorescent light bulbs and a requirement for a Person-in-Charge at each establishment for Covanta to contact. The Board thanked Mr. Hardy for his time and agreed to take his proposal under advisement.

POLICY DISCUSSION: HOARDING

Mirandi posed a hypothetical situation about an owner occupied dwelling in which the owner hoards items such as tin cans and newspapers. This situation does not pose a threat to the health of the neighbors, but may pose a threat to the occupant. If the occupant does not allow the Board of Health to enter, what level of effort should be expended to gain compliance? Chairman Kellard stated that not following up is not a solution. An evaluation should be made from the exterior to determine if there is probable cause to enter. All attempts to verify complaints must be made. However, he also recommended that we simultaneously engage North Shore Elder Services, the medical community and clergy as well as the courts. The Board agreed with the Chairman's thoughts.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the June 4th meeting (06/04/2007):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/04/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	3
Chicken Pox	1	1
Clostridium	0	1
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	5
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	1
Giardiasis	0	4
Group A Strept	1	2
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	1	8
Hepatitis C	1	11
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	8	28
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonellosis	2	8
Shigellosis	0	1
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	1
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	5

Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	15	84

ANIMAL AND PEST CONTROL

ANIMAL HEALTH REPORT

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/04/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	0	5
Wild animal bites	0	0

TOTAL =	0	5

SANDY BEACH

Carleo informed the Board that the most recent water sample from the beach was closed after a reading of 24,000 CFU/100ML of Enterococci was taken at Sandy Beach. A re-test will be taken on Wednesday the 15th. No source of pollution has been identified, however a septic system was discovered in failure criteria several blocks away from the beach.

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (06/04/07)	<u>YTD</u> <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	3
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	1	1
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	29
Rec Camps	4	4
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells		0

Total	5	43
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PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

	This Month (Since the last meeting)	YTD (July 1, 2007)
Air Quality	3	11
Animal Health	2	3
Bathing	1	1
Food Safety	7	16
General Env. Health	0	1
Housing	5	31
Hazardous Waste	0	0
Institutional Sanitation	0	3
Pest Control	3	12
Recreation Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	1	8
Swimming Pool	0	0
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	1	2
Water	0	0
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TOTAL =	23	88

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk