

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – January 7, 2008

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: Martha Swindell, Member; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP

Including in the Board's meeting packet was a letter of resignation from Linda Carroll. After 10 years of service and numerous challenging and sensitive issues such as body art, tobacco control, food safety, massage therapy and serving as a conduit between the Board and the School Department, she will surely be missed. Mirandi will work to develop a proclamation and a plaque to be presented to her at a later date.

Since Carroll's departure, Town Manager Wayne Marquis has appointed Martha Swindell for an unexpired term ending January of 2009. Swindell was a member of the Finance Committee for fourteen years, served as a Selectman from 2000 to 2003 and currently works as a Registered Nurse at the Hospice of the North Shore on Liberty Street. Swindell stated she was honored to be asked to serve and looks forward to working with the Board and learning more about local public health.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 03, 2007

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 3, 2007.

BODY ART

At last month's meeting, the Board voted to amend the regulations for Body Art by striking the requirement for Anatomy and Physiology for tattoo practitioners and replacing with a requirement for training and experience. Saundra Grillo, a body art practitioner operating on a conditional license issued by the Board in June of 2007 was present to apply for a permit under the new regulations. Chairman Kellard M.D., requested Grillo to provide a summary of her training on skin and conditions and disorders thereof. Grillo provided the Board with her training materials from coursework taken for her Aesthetics license. In addition, she spent one year as an apprentice in Florida. The Board was satisfied with her credentials and unanimously approved her permit.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the December 03 meeting (12/03/2007):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/03/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	1
Chicken Pox	0	1
Clostridium	0	0
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	1
Ehrilichiosis	0	0
Enterovirus	0	1
Giardiasis	0	1
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	3
Hepatitis C	0	2
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	1	1
Lyme Disease	0	13
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonellosis	1	6
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	2
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	2
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	2	40

TOBACCO CONTROL

White Hen Pantry was issued a seven day suspension for a second violation of our Youth Access to Tobacco Regulations. They requested a hearing. The manager of the store Abdeltif Farid and Robert Pelletier of White Hen Pantry's corporate office were present to plead their case. Essentially, Farid

requested leniency because his store opened ten months ago and he is still trying to attract customers. Tobacco sales were 29% of his gross profits for December and a suspension will have a severe impact on his business. The Board was unanimous in that leniency for White Hen and not the other four establishments who were issued permit suspensions in the last round would be unfair and set a bad precedent. Kowalski made a motion that their request to dismiss the suspension be denied. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Carleo reported that three establishments received seven day permit suspensions for second offense violations of Youth Access to Tobacco and one establishment received a thirty day suspension for a third violation.

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that 154 establishments have been permitted to date. 36 remain delinquent and will be receiving fines beginning this week. The January round of inspections has begun. Three Inspectors will be working for us; Amanda Celentano, CFSP; Dai Nguyen, RS and Derek Fullerton, RS.

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the December 03 meeting:

Type	Monthly <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/03/07)	YTD <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.	154	159
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	29
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0

Total	154	197

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

In the absence of Nurse Camarro, Mirandi informed the Board that it is not too late to receive a flu vaccine. Nurse Camarro is still providing vaccine to those who request it. In addition, Mirandi reported that Nurse Camarro has been hosting interns from Salem State College. This is a great opportunity to attract new personnel to Public Health.

ANIMAL AND PEST CONTROL

STRAYS IN NEED

Marcotti informed the Board that since the last meeting, 3 cats and 1 dog have been adopted. 2 cats remain in boarding.

BARN BOOK

Marcotti recently completed the Town's annual census of livestock. No unsanitary conditions were noted. Mirandi remarked that the number of locations keeping animals has decreased by more than half in recent years.

RABIES REPORT

Marcotti gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/03/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Cat bites	0	1
Dog bites	1	4
Wild animal bites	0	0

TOTAL =	1	5

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi informed the Board that the Selectmen are considering a re-activation of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). More information will be available once the Selectmen make a decision.

HOARDING

Mirandi informed the Board that he will be applying for a search warrant from the district court for 11 Riverview Avenue. The Board will receive an update at the next meeting.

UPDATE: SHADY OAKS

The Board received a brief time-line of our efforts since May of 2003 in which Shady Oaks was ordered to provide official inspections of their on-site waste water disposal systems. Mirandi asked the Board to approve filing a motion for the Court to appoint a receiver. Kowalski made a motion that the Town file for the appointment of a receiver. The Board unanimously approved this motion.

UPDATE: DANVERS TRAILER PARK

Mirandi recently ordered Danvers Trailer Park to inspect their septic systems by April 17, 2008. Failure criteria will result in an order to connect to the municipal sewer line.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Mirandi asked the Board if they would like to alter the time and location of the monthly meeting. The Board approved a return to the Senior Center on the first Thursday of the month.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk