

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – JUNE 04, 2007

Amended

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at Town Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 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; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist and Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse.

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 08, 2007 MEETING

The Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the March 8th meeting of the Board of Health.

VARIANCE REQUEST

Carleo introduced Saundra Grillo to the Board and relayed her request for a variance from the requirement of Anatomy and Physiology I for body art practitioners. Ms. Grillo performs "Permanent Makeup" also known as "Cosmetic Tattooing" at her business, the Skin Rejuvenation Center at 199 Newbury Street. Ms. Grillo provided the Board with her background and examples of her work so they can better understand what cosmetic tattooing entails. After a brief discussion, Dr. Kellard moved that the Board approve the variance until a comprehensive review of the regulations is conducted; *research on how this type of tattoo may differ in potential health consequences from traditional, deep skin tattooing*. The Board unanimously approved the variance. Chairman Kowalski asked that the review of the Body Art Regulations take place in September or October.

FOOD SAFETY

Included in the Board's packet was the Executive Summary of the State Auditor's report on Food Protection Programs in the Commonwealth. The Board had many questions for Carleo relating to the Danvers Food Protection Program and how it compares with this report. Carleo stated that some of the details contained in the report are shocking, yet unsurprising, such as many jurisdictions with too few Inspectors, or worse; unqualified Inspectors. The ability to respond to food-borne illness outbreaks are almost non-existent, funding is completely inadequate and food safety is very low on the list of priorities in many jurisdictions.

However, the Town of Danvers was the first to enroll in the FDA National Voluntary Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. In addition, Carleo was selected by the FDA to take part in a national pilot program created by the Conference for Food Protection and administered by the FDA entitled "Assessment of Training Needs" or ATN. Since January 16th, Carleo has been through 12 field training exercises for a total of 52.5 hours. This training has revolutionized the Danvers Food Protection Program, and re-invigorated the staff. It has resulted in Food Safety Inspections which uncover more serious violations which would otherwise go un-noticed during the course of a typical regulatory inspection. Most importantly however, the increased length of each inspection provides much more time to be spent on educating food handlers and managers on safe food handling. Educating food handlers has proven to be the only effective long term method for preventing food safety hazards.

Mirandi added that with the changes in our Food Protection Program, and what has become the "norm" for conducting inspections, the Health Division could likely justify the hiring of a part-time to full-time

Inspector. In fact, the last round of inspections which began on January 1st should have been completed by March 31st. However, we are still conducting inspections nearly six months later.
TOBACCO CONTROL

Mirandi thanked Linda Carroll for representing the Board of Health’s position at the recent Town Meeting in which a ban on smoking within 25 feet of the entrance to all public buildings was proposed as a Town By-Law.

Mirandi provided the Board with the CDC’s Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report from May 25, 2007. The featured article entitled Exposure to Secondhand Smoke Among Students Aged 13-15 Years Worldwide, 2000-2007. In sum, the study reported that children who are exposed to second-hand-smoke in the home are 1.4-2.1 times more likely to initiate smoking and children exposed to second-hand-smoke in places other than the home are 1.3-1.8 times more likely to initiate smoking.

DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the March 8th meeting (03/08/2007):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (3/08/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	3
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium	0	1
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	5
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Ehrilichiosis	0	1
Giardiasis	0	4
Group A Strept	1	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	3	7
Hepatitis C	2	10
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	5	20
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonellosis	0	6
Shigellosis	0	1
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	1

Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	4
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	12	69

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE’S REPORT

Nurse Camarro was present to describe the new program at the Senior Center called “Spring Into Shape.” The funds for starting this new health service were generously provided by the “Friends of the Hunt.” This program is for people 55 years of age and above, and includes nutritional counseling and physical activity.

In addition, Camarro has received a grant from the North Shore Medical Center to conduct melanoma screenings.

ANIMAL AND PEST CONTROL

Mirandi and Carleo informed the Board that numerous calls from residents who have spotted coyotes have been received by our office.

ANIMAL HEALTH REPORT

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (03/08/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	2	5
Wild animal bites	0	0

TOTAL =	2	5

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (03/08/07)	<u>YTD</u> <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Body Art (Indv.)	1	3
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	1	0
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0

Pools	28	29
Rec Camps	4	4
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells		0

Total	34	38

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

	This Month (Since the last meeting)	YTD (July 1, 06)
Air Quality	5	8
Animal Health	0	1
Bathing	0	0
Food Safety	3	9
General Env. Health	1	1
Housing	5	26
Hazardous Waste	0	0
Institutional Sanitation	1	3
Pest Control	3	9
Recreation Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	3	7
Swimming Pool	0	0
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	1	1
Water	0	0

TOTAL =	22	65

Carleo also informed the Board that weekly testing of Sandy Beach will begin June 13th.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi recently attended a table-top exercise with colleagues from DPW, Fire and Police. The focus was on water emergencies. Mirandi reminded the Board that Health Officials are first responders.

SHADY OAKS

Mirandi informed the Board the Planning Board rejected the proposal of DiLuigi Sausage Company at the eleventh hour and have sent them back to the Zoning Board. In response to what he perceives to be unfair treatment, Lou DiLuigi is refusing to provide Shady Oaks with the necessary easement to complete their sewer project. The Board unanimously requested that Mirandi arrange a workshop between ZBA, Planning Board and the Board of Health so both board's can better understand the big picture.

DANVERS TRAILER PARK

Mirandi delivered an order to Dale Blackburn which will cause him to upgrade his park. The present conditions of failed septic systems and accumulating solid waste was unacceptable. The Board will receive an update at their next meeting.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Board reviewed the Best Management Practices and Vector Management Plan for 2007. Kowalski asked the Mirandi attempt to obtain additional trapping devices for increased surveillance. Mirandi agreed to look into this.

ROTATION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP

Dr. Kellard was elected Chairman of the Board of Health. Mirandi thanked Kowalski for serving as the Chairman since April of 2006.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk