

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – February 05, 2009

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

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 4, 2008

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 4, 2008

TOBACCO CONTROL

Carleo informed the Board that the three establishments which were issued suspensions of their permit to sell tobacco products had each served their suspensions. Additionally, the White Hen Pantry chose to host a training for their employees with our Tobacco Control staff.

As a follow up to a question raised by the Board at the previous meeting, Mirandi asked the School Department if fines for smoking on school property are only issued to students. The Principal of the High School stated that the first fine he wrote was to a custodian. This will potentially be a hot topic when the Town Hall moves to the Dunn Wing as there are several Town employees who unfortunately are still smokers.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the December 4th meeting:

| Type | Monthly Since Last Meeting (12/04/08) | YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008) |
|------------------|---|---|
| Body Art (Indv.) | 1 | 1 |
| Body Art (Est.) | 1 | 1 |
| Disposal Works | 0 | 0 |
| Food Est. | 206 | 216 |
| Funeral Dir. | 0 | 0 |
| Mass Est | 0 | 0 |
| Motels | 0 | 0 |
| Pools | 0 | 30 |
| Rec Camps | 0 | 4 |
| Septage Haulers | 1 | 3 |
| Tanning Est. | 0 | 1 |
| Man Housing | 0 | 0 |
| Wells | 0 | 0 |
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| Total | 209 | 256 |

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported the following investigations have been conducted since the December 4th meeting:

| Type | Monthly Since Last Meeting (12/04/08) | YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008) |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Air Quality | 1 | 1 |
| Animal Control | 0 | 2 |
| Bathing | 5 | 10 |
| Food Safety | 4 | 10 |
| General Env. Health | 0 | 0 |
| Housing | 6 | 41 |
| Hazardous Waste | 0 | 1 |
| Institutional Sanitation | 1 | 1 |
| Pest Control | 1 | 4 |
| Solid Waste | 1 | 6 |
| Waste Water | 2 | 2 |
| Water | 0 | 0 |
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| Total | 22 | 78 |

DUMPSTER REGULATION

Carleo informed the Board that Applications have gone out and are slowly coming back in to the office for processing.

PEANUT RECALL

Carleo informed the Board that he had conducted a recall effectiveness check at our retail establishments. No recalled product was found and each establishment had already received the notice of the recall from their distributors.

FOOD SAFETY

Carleo informed the Board of the status of the current round of food safety inspections. Three establishments had run into some problems and were working make corrections. The Portside Diner in particular had numerous Risk Factors noted on this and their previous inspections. Carleo had originally written a notice of emergency closure but after a discussion with the Person-In-Charge had declined to issue the emergency closure opting instead to order the establishment to hire a food safety consultant. They chose to hire Pamela Ross-Kung of Safe Food Management which Carleo lends a great deal of credibility to. An update will be provided at the next meeting. Any failure on the establishments part to comply will result in an emergency closure and may require the Board to meet for a Hearing.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Camarro reported that she will soon be hosting a Salem State Graduate Student and is currently working on developing activities for her. Additionally, she updated the Board on her Spring into Shape

program which continues to be well attended. Their may be grant funds becoming available so the Senior Center can purchase new fitness equipment.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the December 4th meeting:

| | Since Last Meeting (12/04/08) | Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Aeromonas Hydrophilia | 0 | 0 |
| Babesiosis | 0 | 0 |
| Campylobacter Enteritis | 0 | 1 |
| Chicken Pox | 0 | 0 |
| Clostridium | 0 | 0 |
| Cryptosporidium | 0 | 2 |
| Dengue Fever | 0 | 0 |
| EColi 0157:H7 | 0 | 0 |
| Ehrlichiosis | 0 | 1 |
| Erlichia Chaff. | 0 | 0 |
| Enterovirus | 0 | 0 |
| Giardiasis | 0 | 3 |
| Group A Strept | 0 | 0 |
| Group B Strept | 0 | 0 |
| Hepatitis A | 0 | 1 |
| Hepatitis B | 0 | 2 |
| Hepatitis C | 1 | 6 |
| Influenza | 0 | 0 |
| Latent TB Infection | 0 | 0 |
| Legionellosis | 0 | 0 |
| Lyme Disease | 4 | 23 |
| M.R.S.A. | 0 | 0 |
| Aseptic Meningitis | 0 | 0 |
| Bacterial Meningitis | 0 | 0 |
| Nisseria Meningitis | 0 | 0 |
| Pertussis | 0 | 0 |
| Pneumonia | 0 | 1 |
| Salmonellosis | 2 | 8 |
| Shigellosis | 0 | 0 |
| Streptococcus pneumonia | 0 | 4 |
| Toxoplasma IGG | 1 | 1 |
| Tuberculosis | 2 | 2 |
| Tuberculosis follow up | 0 | 0 |
| West Nile Virus | 0 | 0 |
| Yersinia Enterocolytica | 0 | 0 |
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| TOTAL = | 10 | 55 |

ANIMAL CONTROL

STRAYS IN NEED

Marcotti reported that Strays in Need is boarding only two cats at this time.

RABIES REPORT

Animal Health Specialist Marcotti gave the monthly rabies report.

The following bites have been reported since the December 4th meeting:

| | Since Last Meeting (12/04/08) | Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008) |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Dogs | 1 | 1 |
| Cats | 0 | 0 |
| Wild Animals | 0 | 0 |
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| TOTAL = | 1 | 1 |

PEST CONTROL

Carleo reported that one of the elementary schools has a particularly stubborn mouse infestation. The numbers of mice are not high, but they are in areas which make them visible to staff and faculty. He is working closely with our pest control contractor and Department of Public Works to eliminate this problem.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi informed the Board that upon our move to the Senior Center, Joan Searle who is the area coordinator for the North Shore Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition will take up residency with us.

Carleo added that the LEPC continues to review the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and will be holding sub-committee meetings to develop a hazardous materials storage and use by-law.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk