

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Carroll, in 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 and Robert Kellard M.D Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health and Leslie Carabello, Public Health Nurse. Absent was Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector.

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 08, 2005 MEETING

The minutes of the December 08, 2006 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

In attendance was Joyce Redford, Director of the North Shore Tobacco Collaborative to assist the Board in carefully drafting an amendment to the violations section of the Youth Access to Tobacco Regulations. After discussions held at meetings during the previous several months, the following language was accepted: \$100 fine for a first offense; a \$200 dollar fine and 7-day suspension of the permit to sell tobacco for a second offense; and, a \$300 fine and a 30-day suspension of the permit to sell tobacco for a third and subsequent offense. Violations shall be tallied for twenty-four months starting from the date of the last violation.

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Mirandi reported that as of January 1, 2006 late applications are being sought and routine inspections have begun. The Board will receive periodic updates until the April meeting.

DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Nurse Carabello gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the November meeting (12/08/05):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	2
Chicken Pox	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	2
Giardiasis	0	1
Group B Strept	2	2
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	1
Hepatitis C	0	0
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	1
Lyme Disease	1	19

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	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
MRSA	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	1
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	1
Toxoplasmosis	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolitica	0	0

TOTAL =	4	30

PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL HEALTH

Mark Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	1	3
Wild animal bites	0	1

TOTAL =	1	4

Mirandi reported that the demolition of the former Danvers State Hospital is underway. Complaints of noise and dust were received by this office almost immediately from the adjacent horse farms. After several site visits and discussions with the horse farm owners, reasonable measures have been undertaken. At this time, all parties are satisfied.

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Body Piercing & Body Art	0	0
Food Establishments	0	2

Funeral Directors	0	0
Massage Establishments	0	0
Motels	0	0

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

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Public & Semi-Public Pools	0	0
Recreational Camps	0	0
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Establishments	0	0
Manufactured Housing Parks	0	0
Private Wells	1	7

TOTAL =	1	9

Applications for a permit to operate a food establishment continue to come in to the office. Carleo will provide an update at the next meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Mirandi reported the following investigations have been conducted since the last meeting:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (12/08/05)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Air Quality	5	8
Animal Health	3	4
Food Safety	0	2
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	2	7
Hazardous Waste	0	0
Institutional Sanitation	0	2
Pest Control	0	6
Recreational Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	0	2
Swimming Pools	0	1
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	1	2
Water	0	1

TOTAL =	11	35

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Steve Prendergast represented Danvers at the last coalition meeting. It was reported that the grant money is with the host community. Spending plans will be finalized by April. The coalition is planning training sessions for volunteers.

103 BURLEY STREET

In attendance was Timothy Creamer of 103 Burley Street. He wished to relay his current issues with hazardous waste with the Board of Health. In sum, the Creamers purchased a home on Burley Street that was the site of a hazardous waste spill (home heating fuel). After contacting the Environmental Protection Agency, he was told that the cleanup could cost as much as 100 to 300 thousand dollars and require the demolition of the house. The EPA, Fire Department and Mirandi have instructed the Creamers not to inhabit the home. The current condition of the air is beyond a nuisance level and may be hazardous to their health.

Mirandi recommended that a “task force” be assembled at Town Hall to include the Town Manager, Fire Department representatives, the Building Inspector, Board of Health representatives and possibly the DEP.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Mirandi informed the Board that a new secretary to be shared by the Conservation Commission and Board of Health has been hired. Mirandi is looking forward to receiving much needed support for managing the significant volume of documentation generated by his office.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Leslie Carabello, RN
Interim Board of Health Clerk