

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – January 7, 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: Martha Swindell, Member; Edmund Kowalski, Member, Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Excused was Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December and January meetings were accepted.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (12/3/09)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	2
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	2	226
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	33
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	3
Tanning Est.	0	1
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0
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Total	2	267

Carleo reported that there has been a serious delinquency with regards to the return of Applications to Operate a Food Establishment. The following week, tickets will be written to all delinquent establishments.

## PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported the following investigations have been conducted since the November meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (12/3/09)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Air Quality	0	4
Animal Control	0	3
Bathing	0	10
Food Safety	0	25
General Env. Health	0	6
Housing	7	175
Hazardous Waste	1	5
Institutional Sanitation	1	3
Pest Control	0	18
Solid Waste	3	21
Waste Water	1	6
Water	0	0
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Total	13	259

### **UPDATE: 39 CHASE STREET**

As has been reported, the sale of 39 Chase Street has been completed. We will continue to monitor the property until demolition occurs. The Board will no longer receive further updates on this property.

### **313 MAPLE STREET:**

Carleo informed the Board of his legal actions he has taken against the owner of the property at 313 Maple Street, a single family dwelling. On September 30, 2009 he issued an Order to Correct to Carl and Jamie Burgess which required them to repair their front porch which has been destroyed by a drunk driver's vehicle in February of 1997. The roof over the non-existent front steps was in danger of collapse according to Town Building Officials and therefore the second egress from the home was unsafe. The Order was sent certified mail and returned unclaimed. The house was subsequently posted with the Order. By December 30<sup>th</sup>, no contact from the owner was made, nor were any corrections of the violations. Therefore, Carleo filed a civil complaint in the Northeast Housing Court. He will update the Board as this case moves forward.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT**

Camarro reported that the Department of Public Health has a surplus of H1N1 vaccine and has lifted any restriction on its administration. Our last clinics will be held at the Senior Center next Monday and Tuesday morning and possibly a few others after that. Mirandi stated he would nominate Camarro for Nurse of the Year if such an award existed.

## EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Meyers gave the monthly disease investigation report:

	Since Last Meeting (12/03/09)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	3
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	4
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	0	2
Hepatitis A	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	6
Hepatitis C	0	6
Influenza	0	2
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	35
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	2
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	1
Pertussis	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1
Salmonellosis	0	14
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	12
Toxoplasma IGG	1	1
Tuberculosis	0	6
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	7	112

Myers reported that a 20 year old was admitted to the hospital with a gastrointestinal complaint and on his way home was struck with a fever. He tested positive for H1N1 influenza. Additionally, a case of a 21 year old with Salmonellosis was investigated and found to be a part of a larger outbreak of 22 cases in Beverly apparently contracted at the Panera Bread in Beverly. Employees were tested by the Beverly Health Department and 14 were found to be carriers of Salmonella. Carleo was astounded by this finding.

## PEST CONTROL

Pest control has become a priority this budget year. Carleo has asked for a significant increase in resources to finally be able to comply with the Children and Families Protection Act.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Mirandi informed the Board that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> our cluster coordinator Joan Searle has been laid off by the Coalition.

**RABIES REPORT**

In Marcotti’s absence, Mirandi reported on our Rabies Control Program:

	Since Last Meeting (12/03/09)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Dogs	0	5
Cats	0	0
Wild Animals	0	0
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TOTAL =	0	5

Mirandi informed the Board that Town Hall is questioning why Strays in Need is a government function during budget talks. His reply is that the Town has an interest in the success of this program. Stray animals increase the chance of a human contracting rabies. Additionally, he compared this model to that of the Diversity Committee or Downtown Improvement Committee. They are all a group of interested parties trying to make a positive change in the Town. All receive some staff support. Downtown Improvement Committee meets monthly and has support from the Assistant Director of Planning and a Secretary to record Minutes. Strays in Need simply has a liason to Town Hall and someone to represent the Town’s positions on various animal issues at their regular meetings.

**TOBACCO CONTROL**

Mirandi informed the Board that during our last compliance check not one violation occurred. Compared to the recent past, this was quite pleasing. Mirandi expressed his gratitude to our Permitted Tobacco Retailers for their efforts to protect public health.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk