

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – MARCH 08, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at the Danvers Senior and Social Center Conference Room at 7:00 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. Stephen Prendergast, Emergency Management Coordinator was excused.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 01, 2006 MEETING

The Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the February 1st meeting of the Board of Health.

HOLTEN MOBIL – APPEAL OF SUSPENSION TO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Mirandi introduced Michael Fazzio of Fazzio Enterprises to the Board of Health and provided a brief history of events at Sunny's Mobil on Holten Street. This tobacco vendor has sold to a minor four times in the past twenty-nine months and twice since the new regulations were adopted. Therefore, they have been issued a seven day suspension of their permit to sell tobacco products.

Mr. Fazzio asked for leniency from the Board, stating that sales of tobacco products account for twenty-five percent of his sales, all previous sales staff were terminated and replaced with better trained personnel.

Chairman Kowalski cited a previous seven day suspension and in the interest of fairness, did not wish to vary from our regulations. Member Carroll agreed, as did Dr. Kellard who added the training of staff should have occurred after the first violation, not the fourth. The Board unanimously voted to uphold the seven day suspension which takes effect on March 12, 2007.

CIGARS 'R' US – VARIANCE REQUEST: DECISION

The Board resumed their deliberation of a variance request made by the owner's of Cigars 'R' Us at the prior meeting of the Board of Health. Chairman Kowalski informed co-owner Frank Ciampa that there is no section of the Board of Health's Environmental Tobacco Smoke which allows for a variance. The Board disagreed with Mr. Ciampa's previous argument and stated that all environmental tobacco smoke is deadly, the building does have common walls to other businesses and the filtration system in place may remove odors from the establishment, but not the toxins.

The Chair allowed Mr. Ciampa to make brief remarks. In sum, Mr. Ciampa feels his livelihood is being threatened by the regulation in question. Dr. Kellard replied that these regulations were in place, prior to Cigars 'R' Us opening for business.

Dr. Kellard made a motion that the Board of Health's Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulation remain as written. The Board unanimously passed this motion.

FOOD SAFETY

Carleo reported to the Board that routine inspections have gotten underway. However; the Health Division is short one contracted inspector and may not complete all inspections by March 31 as expected.

Carleo continues to work with the US FDA who is conducting an Assessment of Training Needs.

Carleo informed the Board that since the last meeting, Al Scoglio, RS, held a custom training session for the food service volunteers and staff at the Senior Center. Subsequently, Carleo conducted their routine inspection and found the staff to be knowledgeable and all previous violations were corrected.

Finally, Mirandi informed the Board that Carleo has been assigned an intern from North Shore Community College. This is a wonderful opportunity to get new individuals energized and prepared to assist us in protecting the food supply.

DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the December 7th meeting (12/07/06):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (03/08/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	3
Chicken Pox	0	0
C. Perfringens	1	1
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	5
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	1
Giardiasis	0	4
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	4
Hepatitis C	5	9
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	0	14
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	2
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	3
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	6	58

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE’S REPORT

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that she is reconciling the funds received from the Blane Grant and the Danvers Rotary Club.

In addition, Nurse Camarro updated the Board on the developing senior fitness program entitled “Spring into Shape.” The program will include three distinct portions: Fitness classes; nutritional counseling from a Registered Dietician; and “Healthy Cooking” courses taught by a chef. The funding proposal has been placed on the back-burner by the Town Manager, but he does remain interested in improving the health of our seniors.

Finally, Nurse Camarro request the opinion of the Board on the injection of medication at the Senior Center. Camarro had received a request from a resident who requires a routine B-12 injection. Dr. Kellard strongly recommended that we do not engage in clinical practice that does not protect the community at large, such as influenza vaccination.

ANIMAL AND PEST CONTROL

Mirandi was recently informed by the Animal Control Officer that Strays in Need will be closing its doors. Mirandi notified the Board that this is a vital service to the community and will be working with the Animal Control Officer, the Town of Middleton and Dr. George Myers of the Danvers Animal Hospital to re-invent a program designed to help our community cope with unwanted animals in a humane way.

ANIMAL HEALTH REPORT

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (02/01/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	0	3
Wild animal bites	0	0

TOTAL =	0	3

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	Monthly <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (02/01/07)	YTD <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	0
Body Art (Est.)	0	1
Disposal Works	0	1
Food Est.	1	2
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	1
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	0
Rec Camps	0	0
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells		0

Total	1	5

Carleo informed the Board that by the end of April, approximately 185 Food Establishment Permits will be issued.

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

	This Month (Since the last meeting)	YTD (July 1, 06)
Air Quality	0	6
Animal Health	0	3
Bathing	0	0
Food Safety	0	7
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	10	45
Hazardous Waste	0	0
Institutional Sanitation	0	2
Pest Control	1	8
Recreation Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	3	10
Swimming Pool	0	0
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	0	0
Water	0	0

TOTAL =	14	81

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi informed the Board that while Steve Prendergast is out of the state, he will attend the monthly meetings with the other regional health officers. In addition, the Town of Danvers has received a \$5000 allocation to be spent on improving local infrastructure. Mirandi wishes to spend this money on developing a GIS presence at Town Hall. He asked for other suggestions.

SHADY OAKS

Mirandi informed the Board that Shady Oaks management may have hit a snag in providing sewer connections to the park. Litigation between Shady Oaks and a neighboring property may result. Mirandi has a meeting scheduled for Monday morning with Town Counsel.

WATER STREET

The 21E, or environmental site assessment, has begun at the CAI/Arnel building on Water Street. The liable parties were granted an extension in order to comply with a judge's order that the site not be disturbed, as well as the time frames of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. Mirandi will keep abreast of all environmental issues in the neighborhood and report his findings to the Board of Health.

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