

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – October 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, 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: Edmund Kowalski, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Excused was Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> as amended and September 2<sup>nd</sup> as written.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (09/02/10)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	0
Body Art (Est.)	0	0
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	2	5
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	0
Rec Camps	0	5
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0
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Total	2	10

#### PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (09/02/10)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Air Quality	0	1
Animal Control	0	1
Bathing	0	0
Food Safety	1	6
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	2	19
Hazardous Waste	1	2

Institutional Sanitation	0	1
Pest Control	5	14
Rec Camps	0	1
Solid Waste	2	2
Waste Water	0	0
Water	0	0
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Total	11	47

**UPDATE: 30 LAWRENCE STREET**

Carleo updated the Board on his activities at 30 Lawrence Street; a dwelling with heavy fire damage sustained in January of 2008. Carleo reported that the dwelling is under contract for purchase by Tamilio Construction of Danvers and the purchaser understands that there is an outstanding order by the Board of Health to demolish. He will hopefully hear something within the next week regarding the final purchase.

**UPDATE: NUISANCE ODORS**

Mirandi updated the Board regarding complaints of nuisance odors generated by High Liner Foods (formerly Fishery Products International). The DEP issued a notice of a technical deficiency in their emissions permit application and required additional information from High Liner Foods including air dispersion modeling and “appropriate” air controls. High Liner responded with two points; the first point questioning whether “appropriate” air controls actually exist. The second point agrees to provide DEP air dispersion modeling by October 15, 2010. In attendance was Michael Lambert, attorney for High Liner Foods who agreed that he will provide the Office of the Board of Health with the report when it is available. The Board requested an executive summary of the report be included by the contractor conducting the study. Lambert agreed to the request. Dr. Kellard with agreement of the Board does not see any further role for the Board of Health unless some data included in the forthcoming report provides new actionable information. The Board requested an update at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**DUNN AIR QUALITY INVESTIGATION**

Included in the Board’s packet for review were two reports from testing of air quality at the Dunn Wing of Danvers High School. The testing was conducted on August 27, 2010 while the building was vacant and on September 16, 2010 while the building was occupied by approximately 1,000 students. The reports showed that the renovated HVAC system is adequately removing particulates and providing a return of fresh air. The Board requested that Carleo inspect the building for water infiltration and report back at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT**

In Camarro’s absence, Mirandi provided the Public Health Nurse’s report. Mirandi stated that we are receiving flu vaccine and providing it during scheduled appointments at the Senior Center. There is a frustration amongst Boards of Health that the state is releasing vaccine in “drips and drabs” which prevents Boards of Health from scheduling large public clinics.

## EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers updated the Board on disease investigations since the last meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (09/02/10)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	0
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	1	3
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	1
Hepatitis C	0	1
Influenza	0	0
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	1	1
Malaria	1	2
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	0
Shigellosis	1	1
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	0
Toxoplasma IGG	1	2
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	5	11

Myers informed the Board that the outbreak of cryptosporidium in a nursing home has apparently been resolved largely due to the quick and thorough work of infection control at the nursing home and proper oversight by the Board of Health. Additionally, Myers reported on a case of Malaria reported since the last meeting. The case has a history of frequent travel between the USA and India over the last several years. Through the investigation, it was discovered that the infection occurred sometime in 2009 during travel. This is the first case of Malaria anyone at the BOH can recall and only the third since 2005 seen by the Massachusetts General Hospital Travel program.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH**

### **RABIES REPORT**

Marcotti reported that since the last meeting there were incidents of two dog fights. All dogs were quarantined and released without signs of rabies.

### **STRAYS IN NEED**

Marcotti reported that Strays in Need is currently in possession 3 adult cats and 2 kittens.

## **PEST CONTROL**

Carleo informed the Board that the Town's IPM Committee has met to begin discussions of Integrated Pest Management versus aesthetic maintenance at the Town's fields. At this meeting, several attendees requested that the Board of Health clarify their position on toxic use reduction. The Board had previously stated that. The Board unanimously voted to approve the following language: "The policy of the Board of Health is to use the safest, most effective pesticide available; however, the use of pesticides should be reduced or eliminated where possible." Carleo will continue to work with the IPM committee with that policy as his directive.

### **TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE:**

No report on tobacco control was available at this time.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Mirandi reminded the Board that we are in possession of a trailer meant to house our Emergency Dispensing Site.

## **PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**

Mirandi informed the Board that Town Manager Marquis had asked for reductions to the proposed fee schedule. Adjustments have been made and the new fee schedule will be in effect as of January 1, 2010.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk