

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – April 2nd 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; 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. Edmund Kowalski, Member was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 5, 2009

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 5, 2009

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the February 5th meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (2/05/08)	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	0	6
Influenza	0	0
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	3	26
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	1	9
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	4	8
Toxoplasma IGG	0	1

Tuberculosis	4	6
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	12	67

ANIMAL CONTROL

STRAYS IN NEED

Marcotti reported that Strays in Need is boarding seven kittens and one cat at this time. There was a 48 hour period where they were not boarding any animals.

RABIES REPORT

Animal Health Specialist Marcotti gave the monthly rabies report.

The following bites have been reported since the April 5th meeting:

	Since Last Meeting (02/05/08)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Dogs	1	2
Cats	0	0
Wild Animals	0	0

TOTAL =	1	2

Mirandi remarked that violations of the Town's Leash Law have been increasing. New signs have been posted at all of the parks which state "Dogs welcome on leash." Patrols have increased, including on weekends. We have learned from experience that without issuing fines, compliance will not be gained. As the By-Law states, the Director of Public Health may issue fines for violations of the Leash Law. Kellard questioned whether Mirandi can write a fine for a violation which Marcotti had observed. Swindell recommended that an opinion from Town Counsel be sought prior to the Board creating any sort of enforcement policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the February 5th meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (2/05/08)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	1
Body Art (Est.)	0	1
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	1	217
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	30

Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	3
Tanning Est.	0	1
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0

Total	1	257

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported the following investigations have been conducted since the February 5th meeting:

Type	Monthly Since Last Meeting (2/05/08)	YTD Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2008)
Air Quality	0	1
Animal Control	0	2
Bathing	0	10
Food Safety	6	16
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	42	83
Hazardous Waste	1	2
Institutional Sanitation	1	2
Pest Control	2	6
Solid Waste	5	11
Waste Water	1	3
Water	0	0

Total	58	78

Carleo informed the Board that on April 1, 2009 upon receipt of a complaint about a body piercing establishment at the Liberty Tree Mall, the business was issued an emergency closure order. Upon inspection, piercing equipment such as hollow-core needles, hydrogen peroxide, mouthwash, used sharps in a sharps collection container, and forms filled out by customers stating where they were pierced and the date it was done. The piercings were being performed behind a partition and curtain in the rear of the store. According to our regulation, fines of \$300.00 per violation may be issued. Kellard made a motion that we issue a fine of \$600.00. Additionally, the store may re-open without conducting body piercing after the partition is removed from the rear of the store, all piercing equipment is removed. Swindell seconded the motion and asked for further discussion. She requested that the motion be amended to state Almoda may re-open upon payment of a \$600.00 fine, removing the partition and all piercing equipment and a re-inspection is conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

FOOD SAFETY

Carleo and Meyers reported on an investigation they had conducted in response to a consumer complaint of blood in a ready-to-eat food. An employee of a food establishment had an open cut on her hand and had apparently bled into a bag of popcorn which was served to the customer, a woman and her three year old daughter. The establishment refused to provide the name or contact information of the employee so an assessment of the employee's health status could be made. The establishment offered to contact the employee and have her contact Meyers. Meyers requested that she contact her primary care physician to be tested for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis. The results of those tests were faxed

to our office and were negative. Upon completion of the investigation Carleo returned to the establishment to review exclusion and restriction requirements as well as person hygiene policies.

TOBACCO CONTROL

Mirandi recently attended a regional Tobacco Control meeting where it was announced that funds have been cut by 15%. At the same time, their scope of services has expanded to the control of paraphernalia such as blunt wraps and pipes. Additionally, the offices in Lynn will be closing and they are currently looking for a new home.

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. There may be grant funds becoming available so the Senior Center can purchase new fitness equipment.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi reported that our Regional Emergency Preparedness Area Coordinator now shares an office with Tracy Camarro.

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