

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Edmund Kowalski, 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: 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.

### MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2006 MEETING AND AUGUST 31, 2006 HEARING

The Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and August 31<sup>st</sup> hearing.

### FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that the most recent round of inspections was completed except for one re-inspection. No further action was required by the Board.

### TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Mirandi introduced the Board to John Zavaglia, a Danvers resident and advocate for clean air. Mr Zavaglia was present to request that the Board consider banning smoking within a certain vicinity of the entrance to buildings. Just prior to his arrival to speak with the Board, he had met with State Representative Theodore Speliotis (D), who entertained the notion of filing a bill with the General Court. Mr Zavaglia presented the Board with documentation of health effects from environmental tobacco smoke as well as other codes and laws from around the Country that contain a provision for this. Mr. Kowalski believes Mr. Zavaglia was correct in consulting Rep. Speliotis and filing a bill with the House. Mr. Zavaglia requested direction from the Board on his next step. Mirandi will arrange a meeting with himself, Joyce and Zavaglia. The Board thanked him for his time.

### DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (08/10/06):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (8/10/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	1
Chicken Pox	0	0
Cryptococcusneof	1	1
Cryptosporidium	0	1
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Giardiasis	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0

Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	0
Hepatitis C	1	1
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	1	1
Lyme Disease	7	10
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	1	1
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	2
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	1
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	2
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	13	23

Myers described an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness at St. Mary's Elementary School with 11 ill students. It appears it was a Norovirus outbreak. It did not spread beyond the 11 students and was over the following week.

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that the CDC is "concerned" with the safety of the flu vaccine supply. DPH is not concerned. There has been no expected shortage and no supply and demand issue. However, providers must now pay for doses. Tracy provided the Board with target groups. DPH is stressing the need for children 6-59 months to receive the vaccination, then persons over 50. There is a potential that we may not have vaccine for the November 9<sup>th</sup> clinic. Marian has gathered enough volunteers for administrative assistance to ease the process of Medicare Roster Billing. Tracy and Marian attended a seminar by the MA Public Health Association. They attended sessions on epidemiology and vaccine distribution. Tracy's schedule is M,W,Th at the Senior Center and has been very busy conducting blood pressure clinics as well as following up on Tb cases and preparing for the flu clinic.

## PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL

### ANIMAL HEALTH

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (08/10/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	2	2
Wild animal bites	0	0
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TOTAL =	2	2

## LICENSING & PERMITS

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

### LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR THE MONTH:

Type	Monthly <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (08/10/06)	YTD <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2006)
Body Art (Indv.)	2	2
Body Art (Est.)	0	0
Disposal Works	1	1
Food Est.	2	2
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	4	4
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	0
Rec Camps	0	0
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	1	1
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	2	2
Total	12	12

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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

	This Month (Since the last meeting)	YTD (July 1, 05)
Air Quality	3	3
Animal Health	0	0
Bathing	0	0
Food Safety	0	0
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	9	12
Hazardous Waste	0	0
Institutional Sanitation	0	1
Pest Control	2	4
Recreation Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	4	4
Swimming Pool	0	0
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	0	0
Water	0	0
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TOTAL =	18	24

## SHADY OAKS

Enclosed in the Boards packet was documentation from Michael Lehane which arranges for five trailers to be moved and tied on to failed systems for six months. The park must connect to a sewer line by February of 2007. A motion to accept the agreement with conditions was reluctantly approved. The Board was dissatisfied with this arrangement, but under the circumstances they believed it may be the only solution.

Variance Request: Bear Valley Engineering requested a variance from the plumbing code to discharge backwash from a pool to the sanitary sewer rather than a storm water basin. The Board denied the variance request. The Board requested input from Ray Young and Richard Rodgers as well as the applicant regarding how much water will be discharged daily and rather than sanitary disposal, could they use this backwash water to re-charge the watershed.

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

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk