

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – August 10, 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 JULY 13, 2006 MEETING

The Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the July 13th meeting.

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that this round of food safety inspections was going smoothly and the Board can expect to receive a full report at the next meeting.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Mirandi informed the Board that the Polish Club will be holding a vote among the members to determine if smoking should be banned in their new building. In addition, Mirandi has met with a citizen who wishes to propose a ban on smoking within a certain vicinity of the entrance to all public buildings.

DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the July 13 meeting (07/13/06):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (07/13/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	1
Babesiosis	1	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	4
Chicken Pox	0	3
Cryptosporidium	1	1
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	2
Giardiasis	1	2
Group B Strept	0	6
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	0	10
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	3	29
MRSA	0	0

Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonellosis	2	5
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	5
Toxoplasmosis	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	5
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolitica	0	0

TOTAL =	10	79

Mirandi introduced the Board to Marian Myers. She holds an MPH from Boston University with a concentration in epidemiology, has conducted drug research at BU and worked to educate parents of children with mental disorders. Next, Mirandi introduced Tracy Camarro who will serve as our Public Health Nurse. She holds a B.S. in Nursing, has worked as a visiting nurse, taught wellness classes for the Recreation Division, health policy consultation for the Recreation Division, conducted health services at the Senior Center and provided much support for the Board of Health at flu clinics and during outbreaks of illness.

The Board welcomed both Myers and Camarro and looks forward to working with them.

PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL HEALTH

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (07/13/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	2	11
Wild animal bites	0	1

TOTAL =	2	12

Mirandi continues to investigate the changing role of Animal Control in Danvers. Our Animal Patrol intern continues her work. Also, Health Division staff has been fielding calls of dead birds. The current protocol is to advise people on how to protect themselves from mosquito bites. Finally, the Town has advertised a "Request for Proposals" and is currently accepting bids for the new Goose Control contract.

LICENSING & PERMITS

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

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (07/13/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Body Piercing & Body Art	0	0
Disposal Works	0	2
Food Establishments	0	184
Funeral Directors	0	6
Massage Establishments	0	19
Motels	0	1
Public & Semi-Public Pools	0	14
Recreational Camps	0	2
Septage Haulers	0	3
Tanning Establishments	0	5
Manufactured Housing Parks	0	3
Private Wells	0	13

TOTAL =	0	252

No routine permitting activities at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (07/13/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Air Quality	0	13
Animal Health	0	5
Food Safety	0	8
General Env. Health	0	0
Housing	3	22
Hazardous Waste	0	1
Institutional Sanitation	1	6
Pest Control	2	19
Recreational Camps	0	0
Solid Waste	1	15
Swimming Pools	0	1
Tobacco Control	0	0
Wastewater	0	5
Water	0	1

TOTAL =	7	96

WAL-MART

Mirandi reported that the Department of Environmental Protection has ordered specific testing at the Wal-Mart. No further information is available.

SHADY OAKS

Shady Oaks management still has not complied with our order to upgrade septic systems serving the property or connect to a sanitary sewer line. Town Counsel continues to assist.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi informed the Board that his signature was requested on a letter to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeking a redress of grievances, stemming from what some Local Health Officials see as miss-management of the emergency preparedness grant money provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Believing this letter did not represent the sentiments of the Health Division, he declined to sign this letter.

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