

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – October 09, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, at Town Manager's Conference Room at 7:05 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Linda Carroll, Member; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist. Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of September 10, 2007.

FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that the July round of food safety inspections will be completed some time next week. Mirandi added that these inspections are typically done by the end of September. However, due to an illness in the family of one of our contracted inspectors, we were behind schedule. In addition, the Board was informed that staff will be providing choke saver training for all food establishments. This will be used for compliance with Standard 7 of the FDA Program Standard for Outreach to Industry. Other topics such as ALERT (Food Defense Program) and Food and Water Emergencies will be discussed as well.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the September 10 meeting (09/10/2007):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (09/10/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	0
Chicken Pox	0	1
Clostridium	0	0
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	2	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Giardiasis	0	1
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0

Hepatitis B	2	3
Hepatitis C	1	2
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	3	11
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	1	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	1	1
Salmonellosis	2	4
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	0
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	2
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	12	29

TOBACCO CONTROL

Joyce Redford was present to discuss the dismal results of the last round of compliance checks with our Youth Access to Tobacco Regulations. Redford is both disappointed and alarmed by these results. In the month of September, 11 establishments were in violation. Two of those establishments were second time offenders under the new regulations. Carleo has suspended the permits of the two second time offenders and those suspensions are currently in effect. Joyce reviewed with the Board the significant amount of outreach and education provided to our tobacco vendors. In addition, Joyce asked that the Board of Health send a stern letter to all tobacco vendors reminding them of their obligations and the penalties for failing to meet them. Kowalski asked that the letter be sent with the new Tobacco Regulation Brochure. Finally, Joyce asked the Board to be consistent in their enforcement of the permit suspensions. Carroll expressed her disappointment with the numerous violations referring to their permit as a contract that cigarettes will not be sold to minors and that the establishments must meet their end of the deal. Dr. Kellard opined on the need for more severe measures if better compliance rates are not soon met.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

In the absence of Nurse Camarro, Mirandi informed the Board that there are upcoming meetings with North Shore Community College to arrange locations for the annual flu clinics. It is likely that NSCC will be the site of the first clinic and the Senior Center will likely be the site of the second. Mirandi is hoping that a third can be scheduled at the new Beverly Hospital at Danvers.

STRAYS IN NEED

Mirandi informed the Board that Saturday was the annual “Blessing of the Animals.” Some money was raised at this event to support Strays in Need. A web page for Strays in Need is currently under construction and the danvers.govoffice page will provide a link to it.

ANIMAL AND PEST CONTROL

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (09/10/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Cat bites	0	0
Dog bites	1	1
Wild animal bites	0	0

TOTAL =	1	1

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo reported the following permits have been issued since the August 13th meeting:

Type	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (08/13/07)	<u>YTD</u> <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Body Art (Indv.)	0	3
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	2	3
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	29
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	0	0
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0

Total	2	41

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Stephen Prendergast is now an employee of the North Shore and Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition and no longer represents the Danvers Board of Health. Amanda Celentano has been chosen as our new representative and will begin attending on October 10th.

UPDATE: MANDARIN DANVERS

Carleo informed the Board that Mandarin had hired a food safety consultant for an initial training but did not retain him for inspections. The Board's order was clarified for Mandarin and the consultant soon returned for audits. However, Carleo inspected on October 1 and still noted numerous violations. Carleo declined to allow Mandarin to resume their sushi operations and verbally ordered them to obtain more training from the consultant. Mandarin declined the use of a consultant because they did not believe that he was effective. Instead, they installed Active Managerial Control as a long term risk control plan. On October 5 another re-inspection was conducted by Carleo. Only two Risk Factors were noted along with other significant improvements related to supervision of food handlers. Carleo granted the variance to acidify sushi rice and allowed their sushi operation to resume. No further action is necessary at this time.

UPDATE: CRAB HOUSE

Crab House retained a food safety consultant who trained the regular PIC. Their latest inspection revealed no Risk Factors, although very limited food preparation was being conducted. Carleo recommended no further action at this time.

UPDATE: KFC

Carleo informed the Board that KFC had retained a consultant and training was conducted. In addition, the consultant provided a cleaning and maintenance schedule. However, the most recent inspection noted non-critical violations that were in non-conformance with the new cleaning schedule. In addition, the external grease interceptor has not been installed. Staff will continue monitoring this establishment and ordering corrective actions when needed.

HOARDING

The discussion of how to handle cases of hoarding was continued from the August meeting. Mirandi submitted the frequent excuse of medical conditions or disabilities which prevent compliance. Dr. Kellard disagreed that there is a medical condition which would prevent someone from obtaining services of garbage and rubbish removal. Dr. Kellard also requested frequent monitoring and the involvement of North Shore Elder Services and primary care physicians.

UPDATE: SHADY OAKS

The parties involved are still awaiting for DiLuigi Sausage Company to receive permits for his construction. DiLuigi has declined to move forward with access to the sewer line unless he receives all

permits he has applied for. Mirandi will review the case with Town Counsel but with regular pumping services and no outbreak of sewage he did not believe that strong enforcement was called for at this time.

UPDATE: DANVERS TRAILER PARK

Mirandi recently re-inspected the Danvers Trailer Park and did not observe significant progress. Staff will continue to monitor this situation.

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