

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – February 7, 2008

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; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist and Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP

Mirandi presented to the Board a plaque thanking Linda Carroll for her 10 years of dedicated service. The Board approved of the plaque.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 07, 2007

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 07, 2007.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### HOARDING

Mirandi informed the Board that on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> a search warrant was obtained for 11 Riverview Avenue, the home of John and Judith Koob. Health Division staff and police had planned to execute the warrant the following day. However; upon learning that the Board of Health had received a search warrant, the Koobs agreed to an inspection by Mirandi. During the inspection, photographs were taken and it was confirmed that in the past three years, Mr. Koob's hoarding problem has gotten worse. Fortunately for their health, no garbage was being hoarded and with the exception of hoarded papers, the home was reasonably clean. On the morning of February 6<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Kellard met with North Shore Elder Services and John and Judy Koob. Koob agreed to help from North Shore Elder Services. Kellard further stated that the Board of Health has taken this issue as far as is reasonable and a social service agency will have a greater chance at success. Mirandi will forward his report to the Police and Fire Departments as a warning to public safety personnel who may have to enter the home during an emergency.

### LICENSING & PERMITS

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

Type	Monthly <u>Since Last Meeting</u> (01/07/07)	YTD <u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
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Body Art (Indv.)	1	4
Body Art (Est.)	0	2
Disposal Works	0	0
Food Est.	36	195
Funeral Dir.	0	0
Mass Est	0	0
Motels	0	0
Pools	0	29
Rec Camps	0	4
Septage Haulers	2	2
Tanning Est.	0	0
Man Housing	0	0
Wells	0	0
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Total	39	234

Carleo also reported that all 36 late applications for a permit to operate a food establishment have been filed. Unfortunately, \$1,000.00 dollars in fines were issued to gain compliance. Finally, inspections are underway. Thirty-One establishments were inspected with 17 of those having critical violations noted on their report. No additional compliance efforts were needed at this time.

## 20 CONANT STREET

Mirandi informed the Board that 20 Conant Street is the site of an oil release which has not been remediated in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and is a concern of the Downtown Improvement Committee. After correspondence with the owner of the property, Dr. Ann Kossowan as well as her Licensed Site Professional Richard Warren, no action has been taken. Earlier in the day the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection held a hearing, setting a new deadline to remove the contaminated soil. Dr. Kellard asked who is actually responsible for enforcement of this matter. Mirandi replied that the duty is shared by our departments. The Board of Health will continue monitoring this site.

## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Camarro informed the Board that she continues to conduct blood pressure clinics on Thursdays. She current is hosting student nurses from Salem State College. In addition, she reported that a total of 1420 influenza vaccinations were provided this year, with the last administered just last week. Camarro also worked with the school nurses on 5 unrelated cases of Pertussis. Camarro's "Spring into Shape" program continues to be successful. Additional supplies will be needed to meet the growing demand for this program. Some new programs Camarro is attempting to implement is a Senior Walking Club and a Breakfast Club focusing on "heart health," the first of which to be held on Valentine's Day. Finally, Camarro reported that vaccine distribution will no longer be conducted by Local Boards of Health. Starting in June, vaccine will be distributed by the CDC directly to providers with payments made by MDPH.

## EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Myers gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the January 07 meeting:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (01/07/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	1
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	2
Chicken Pox	1	2
Clostridium	0	0
Cryptococcus	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	1
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Enterovirus	0	1
Giardiasis	2	3
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	3
Hepatitis C	1	3
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	1
Lyme Disease	6	19
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	1
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonellosis	1	7
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	2
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	2
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	12	52

### OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES REPORTS:

Mirandi informed the Board that the Albany School of Pharmacology will be sending interns to work with the Board of Health. Updates on their activities will be provided in the future.

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**STRAYS IN NEED**

Marcotti informed the Board that S.I.N. currently is boarding one cat for a six-month quarantine. No financial report is available at this time. A new trend which has been developing is the abandonment of animals in foreclosed homes. S.I.N. is currently preparing for the Spring and Summer months which are typically very busy times. Additional publicity is needed, which may include re-evaluating the “Pet of the Week” in the Danvers Herald. Carleo recommended posting the “Pet of the Week” at danversherald.com.

**RABIES REPORT**

Carleo gave an update on the rabies control program:

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (01/07/07)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2007)
Cat bites	0	1
Dog bites	1	5
Wild animal bites	0	0
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TOTAL =	1	6

**OTHER ANIMAL CONTROL REPORTS:**

Mirandi informed the Board of a flock of birds in Middleton which tested positive for Avian Influenza H5N2, a low pathogenic strain which does not cause human illness and is highly unlikely to mutate into a high pathogenic strain capable of human infection. The flock is currently under quarantine. The State Department of Agriculture which conducts the testing and orders the quarantines has a presence in Danvers using the data collected in our annual “Barn Book.”

Finally, Mirandi informed the Board of routine sanitary surveys relating to solid waste disposal and pest control that has been conducted in the Danvers Square area pursuant to a request of the Downtown Improvement Committee.

**TOBACCO CONTROL**

Carleo reported that the three establishments whose permits were suspended in January have served their suspensions.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Dr. Kellard asked for the status of the re-engaged Local Emergency Planning Committee. Mirandi reported that the Selectman have resurrected this group, but no appointments have been made yet.

## **UPDATES:**

### **SHADY OAKS**

Mirandi reported that a hearing at the Northeast Housing Court has been continued for 30 days. Shady Oaks has reached agreements with the necessary parties for connection to a nearby private sewer line. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, DiLuigi will likely receive planning board approval. It is our hope that any litigation can be dismissed.

### **DANVERS TRAILER PARK**

Mirandi informed the Board that the Danvers Trailer Park is working to comply with our order for a plot plan and inspections of their sewage disposal systems. Dr. Kellard asked if DEP has been notified. Carleo reported DEP was not notified and that this matter should be less complicated than the similar issue at Shady Oaks.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mirandi asked the Board if they would like to alter the time and location of the monthly meeting. The Board approved a return to the Senior Center on the first Thursday of the month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND HAULING**

Mirandi presented the Board with a draft regulation for garbage haulers and dumpsters as well as MGL Chapter 111, Sections 31A and 31B which mandate regulation and permitting of Garbage and Offal Transportation. Other Departments such as Fire and Code Administration have yet to be consulted on the matter. After having read the regulation, the Board was supportive of the concept, but requested additional time for consideration. Mirandi recommended that hearings be held on the matter.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk