

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – June 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Kellard, at the Danvers Senior and Social Center, Conference Room at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Edmund Kowalski, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist and Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist and Ruth Price, Sun Safety Program Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board accepted the February Minutes as amended, and the April Minutes as written.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo informed the Board that two Permits to Operate a Food Establishment were issued since the last meeting.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported that numerous complaints are being filed in the office requiring significant amounts of time to follow up on. Although staff has no method of record keeping for complaints at this time, according to Carleo the volume of complaints seems much higher than is typical.

8 OAK STREET

Carleo informed the Board that after being contacted by the Danvers Fire Department regarding a dwelling in squalid conditions he immediately inspected and condemned the dwelling. Apparently the hot water heater was leaking for quite some time causing the heater to constantly be working to heat water. The moisture in the air caused corrosion on the vent of the water heater and cracked it. This allowed carbon monoxide to escape from the water heater. The three residents of the dwelling were transported by ambulance to the Hospital and released. Carleo has been in contact with the owner of the dwelling and is currently working on a plan of corrective action

INSPECTOR TRAINING

Carleo informed the Board that he has completed 4 of 5 days of classroom training so he can be officially *standardized* to conduct risk based food safety inspections, and act as the inspector trainer for the region. Several days of field training are required as well.

REGIONALIZATION

Mirandi informed the Board that around September a report of a working group will be released on the feasibility of regionalizing certain services. In this case Danvers is poised to lead the region in Environmental Health as Carleo is already a standardized inspector trainer for housing and soon to be food.

HIGH LINER FOODS (FORMERLY FISHERY PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL)

Mirandi introduced to the Board Art Christenson from High Liner Foods. Also present was Ron Baser, 31 Putnam Lane. Chairman Kellard gave Christenson the floor. Christenson stated that this is a decades old complaint, and that High Liner had purchased FPI without any knowledge of these complaints. Therefore they are playing “catch-up.” After DEP issued an order for computer modeling, GZA and Hallowell Engineering were contracted. After the studies and investigating new equipment and available technology they have settled on a “regenerative thermal oxidizer.” This equipment is what is known as BACT or Best Available Control Technology. High Liner has purchased the system for \$546,000 and he provided a time-line for installation. This will be the first application of this system to a facility conducting brooding/frying of foods. A brief discussion ensued relative to maintenance of the system. The Chair recognized Ron Baser who stated he was glad High Liner is finally taking this action. He further stated he had suggested this system to FPI several years ago and the idea was rejected by FPI and that he appreciates High Liner’s efforts.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT

Camarro informed the Board that Massachusetts has seen a sharp rise in the number of measles cases. The nurses from our emergency preparedness region will be meeting to discuss this re-emerging threat. A PSA has been suggested. Additionally, Camarro was informed by MDPH that our vaccine supply will be cut by 50% from 1600 doses to approximately 800. The target population for vaccination will be underinsured, those with chronic illness and those 55 years old or above. It was suggested that the Town purchase vaccine and vaccinate its own employees. Camarro also informed the Board that the Recreation Division of Planning and Human Services will begin running their summer programs. She will again be reviewing health policies and health forms for staff and participants. Finally, Camarro informed the Board that she has provided MPDH with the results of our emergency dispensing site call down drill and it was approved without comment.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Epidemiologist Myers reported the following diseases:

	Since Last Meeting (04/21/11)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	2
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	3
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0

Ehrlichiosis	1	1
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	0	2
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	1
Hepatitis C	0	9
Influenza	0	5
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	3
Malaria	0	2
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	1
Salmonellosis	1	2
Shigellosis	0	1
Streptococcus pneumonia	2	3
Toxoplasma IGG	0	2
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	5	37

SUN SAFETY

The Board was introduced to Ruth Price, Sun Safety Project Coordinator. She informed the Board that the sun safety grant will be used to address the subject of tanning salons in 18 communities. Those communities will share resources such as tools and training materials. The grant will run for 2 to 3 years. Mirandi clarified that Price answers to a Steering Committee and works 19 hours per week. Her office is shared with Camarro at the Danvers Senior and Social Center.

ANIMAL HEALTH

RABIES REPORT

Marcotti informed the Board of 2 bites since the last meeting. Both were quarantined and released without incident.

STRAYS IN NEED

Strays in Need held a fundraiser in Peabody and raised \$10,000. The Board was astonished.

PEST CONTROL

No report was available.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No report was available.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk