

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – September 6, 2012
Town Managers Meeting Room – Danvers Town Hall, One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

ADMINISTRATIVE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at the Danvers Town Hall in the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:03 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Dr. Kellard, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health, Mark Carleo, EH Inspector.

Approval of Minutes

Swindell noted some discrepancies in the Epidemiology report. Mirandi acknowledged a conflict in the running tally of reportable diseases and stated that he MAVEN Report is kept current and accurate. Kellard moved to accept, Swindell second, all in favor.

BUISNESS AT HAND

Dumpster in the Square

Nick Pasciuto and Chris Salvo were in attendance to discuss the return of their dumpster to the alley behind Panini Pizzeria located on Cherry Street. Mirandi sent a letter to Pasciuto Aug 31 stating the board would entertain his request to return the dumpster with conditions. Those conditions were to repair the dumpster pad, continue pest control services, provide legs for the dumpster, maintain the area in a sanitary condition and understand that the property owner is ultimately responsible. Kellard moved to allow the return of the dumpsters and Swindell seconded the motion. All in favor.

14 Wenham Street

Louis and Alfred Mscisz were in attendance to update the Board on the “Tire Wall” located at 14 Wenham Street. This wall was cited as an illegal dumpsite and ordered to be abated. Mirandi summarized the issue: The rail trail was constructed and a retaining wall built of tires was found. Carleo conducted enforcement measures and Town Counsel was consulted. As of now, the tires have been removed and a rip-rap wall of boulders has been constructed. However; as required by an agreement, missing was the receipt for the disposal of tires. Alfred Mscisz informed the board that the tires are currently still at his property. He is trying to find a place for disposal with a reasonable cost. Mirandi asked that by May 1, 2013 the tires be disposed of and a manifest or sorts be produced to assure that the tires were properly disposed. The Board was satisfied with this outcome.

Inter-Municipal Agreement: District Incentive Grant

Joan Langsam – Legal technical advisor and Melissa Wilson, Project Coordinator were in attendance to answer any questions the board may have regarding the Inter-Municipal Agreement as a part of the District Incentive Grant. Langsam informed the Board that if the Town wants to continue with the grant, Danvers must sign the agreement. She believes it is important that Board sign off on the agreement before the Town Managers signs. This was established with CDC funds to see if Public Health services could be expanded into communities that are not meeting their mandates. This

agreement is for shared environmental health services and programs such as Tobacco Free Public Housing and food safety inspectional services with a standardized program. DPH is looking for these programs to sustain after funding ends. Wilson added that the program is designed around DPH core mandates. If mandates aren't being met, that's where resources will be applied. Langsam provided a PowerPoint presentation on IMA and reviewed with the Board. Mirandi reminded the Board that we have been talking about regionalizing for many years. Emergency preparedness was as close as we got to IMA. Mutual Aid is still up in the air. Town Counsel will need to review any document before the Board of Health and Selectman approve this agreement. Mirandi expressed that he would like to see this funding be used in Danvers to provide for additional support in responding to environmental health complaints.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Permits and Licensing

Mirandi reported to Board that the Full Circle software we purchased is still not meeting our expectations. Extra effort will be expended before the next meeting to try and resolve the reporting details of Full Circle.

23 pools
3 body art
3 body practitioners
198 food establishments
4 funeral
4 trailer
1 motel
4 rec camps
6 tanning
6 haulers
4 wells

Updates on Public & Environmental Health Cases

52 Centre Street is now vacated and boarded up. This ends Board of Health actions at this point.

25 Conant Street – The next scheduled court date is September 26th. The owners have walked away at this point, and the tenants who we believe are now squatters, are not responding to us either.

Days Inn – The Days Inn is making upgrades and we are scheduled for a conference at the Housing Court on September 26th.

Food Safety

Mirandi informed the Board that Carleo will wrap up his standardization by the end of September.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Nurse's Report

Christina continues to provide a wellness clinic at the Senior Center and her client list continues to grow. This is causing Mirandi to reassess his priorities for the Nurse.

Epidemiology Report

Please see the attached MAVEN report for reportable diseases since July 1, 2012

Sun Safety

The "Tanning Bill" may not pass this year. The formal legislative session has ended and if it receives further attention it will be in an informal session. In the meantime, some contingencies are being strategized. The Board received a copy of the Senate Bill S.2211, and asked to remain open-minded on the details, as they would apply to a local BOH regulation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No new business to report at this time.

ANIMAL & PEST CONTROL

Animal Control

The Animal Control Officer still has no driver's license. Back-up services are being provided by Reed Wilson of Rowley. Jean is working diligently to coordinate back-up services and intervene as necessary. Budget reports are favorable at this time.

Animal Health

Swindell asked about goose control. Mirandi replied that no Goose Services have been performed since July and that an RFP is out to bid for services.

Pest Control - Mosquitos

Mirandi reminded members to remain vigilant on the correspondence he continues to forward to all members, the Town Manager and the School Superintendent regarding mosquito control activities, as the State remains at a heightened risk level – MODERATE. And towns well to our north are at HIGH and CRITICAL risk levels.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

No new business to report at this time.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Hazardous Waste Update – 33 Water Street

The remediation project is going to be published in the Federal Register. This is the next step in the Superfund process. It is due to be published on the 30th of September. There is a 60 day public comment period. Mirandi requested that the EPA update the Board at their December meeting. By then they should have heard comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dr. Kellard motioned to adjourn. Ms. Swindell seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Peter Mirandi FOR
Janell Powers
Board of Health Clerk