

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – October 4, 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 7:00 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, Janell Powers, Clerk. Suzie Claire , a student nurse was here to observe the meeting and write a paper on it.

Approval of Minutes

Swindell moved to accept. Kellard seconded. All were in favor.

Sun Safety – Proposed Regulations

Mirandi stated that the “Tanning Bill” may not pass this year. Ruth Price, was present to discuss the Sun Safety Grant. Mirandi stated that she could come and update us on Sun Safety. She is the Program Manager and has coordinated outreach to 18 communities. Currently, the program is working on policy/local regulation. There is a bill in the State House addressing the age of persons using tanning beds. Mirandi thought that if legislature declined this bill, perhaps we could adopt this bill as a local regulation. The full 18 communities are not in consensus on this idea. According to Mirandi, who met with State Representative Speliotis, the bill will be dead on the 3rd Wednesday of 2013. Price is not convinced that the bill is dead yet and that California and Vermont have both banned it. Brazil has outlawed all indoor tanning. UK bans anyone under 18 from using tanning booths. The 18 communities did agree on adopting an inspection tool that was developed by Price and more effort will be made to inspect every 6 months as required. Kowalski asked if there are any problems with spray tanning. Price stated no, everything was organic that they were using for products. Dr. Kellard stated that it is extremely tough to pass regulations and get everyone in agreement. Price stated that global concern is shifting due to the rise of melanoma. She agreed to continue researching and report back.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Transfer Station

Mirandi read that in 1983, the Board of Health had to meet to agree to the siting of the transfer station. The DPW Department wants to inform the Board of Health of the proposed expansion to the Transfer Station. Mirandi proposed that with the increase the size, the Board of Health may request a vegetation barrier between the access road and the abutting Trailer Park. Secondly, he asked that the Transfer Station allow for routine visits to assure sanitary conditions and odors are properly managed. It is the intent Covanta - the private company contracted to manage the transfer station to increase business and recycling with more of a regional approach. The Board expressed concerns of increased traffic. After discussion, Ms. Swindell motioned to vote to send a letter to approve the expansion with the following conditions: allow inspections twice a year for sanitary conditions and

provide a vegetated barrier between the Transfer Station and the Trailer Park. Dr. Kellard seconded. All were in favor and Mr. Mirandi will forward the letter to Covanta.

Permits, Licensing, and Public & Environmental Health Cases

Mirandi handed the board the Full Circle reports on permitting and complaints. He hi-lighted how much we obtained in application fees. Mirandi then explained the types of complaints that we receive daily. Swindell asked about the details of a complaint on “soapy” milk. Mirandi replied that it was a Garelick product under the name of Wal-Mart. The product was recalled.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Nurse’s Report

Christina has scheduled nine (9) flu clinics. She will be going to the Schools and the Police & Fire Department and to Town Hall to inoculate Town employees after the public has had availability to the vaccine. She has NSCC students helping her. Christina has also agreed to fill in at the Highlands School and is managing an intern from Salem State University on Tuesday mornings.

Epidemiology Report

The State operated MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network) has been the sole source of our information on communicable diseases. Mirandi distributed a hard copy of the report to Board members. Most are food-borne and tick-borne illnesses. Hepatitis C represents the largest number of cases. Marian Myers is trained and represents the Town of Danvers for MAVEN.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No new business to report at this time.

ANIMAL & PEST CONTROL

Animal Control

Kowalski asked about coverage while ACO Plunkett is not licensed. Mirandi stated that we have back-up from Rowley. Mirandi may need to get another person in for this as the some new animal control laws were recently passed. Marcotti is working on getting up to speed on this. Full Circle Software was able to produce a mailing list so that a contractor who was hired to repair sidewalks could contact dog owner. Mirandi was pleased that our software investment was paying off.

Animal Health

Mirandi reported for Jean Marcotti on dog and cat bites and the Danvers Animal Hospital bill for \$461.00 for the month.

Pest Control - Mosquitos

Mirandi handed out some materials on mosquitos. The Northeast Mosquito Control Program submitted over 900 pools of mosquitos this year. We are doing more testing and surveillance than anywhere else in the state. Danvers remains at a moderate risk level, along with the entire State. Today, another person died from EEE in Georgetown; Cape Ann has been elevated to high because of

a case of EEE in Essex. Mosquito populations are dropping due to the drop in temperature the Hamilton BOH banned all public & private outdoor activities with the hope of getting a message out that the mosquitos are infected. We have not sprayed in Danvers and staff continues to get calls that people do not want to spray as it may affect bees and fish.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Swindell stated that she could not attend the last meeting of Danvers Cares but they are educating on the marijuana law and people do not understand the complexity of this.

OUTSTANDING BUS INESS

Hazardous Waste Update – 33 Water Street

Mirandi stated that the remediation has been completed except the site needs to be seeded. It has been confirmed that this site is on the EPA Superfund list. Board members feel that this is good news because we will be cleaned up using federal superfunds. EPA would like another meeting to update us on the process on the first of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dr. Kellard motioned to adjourn. Ms. Swindell seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Janell Powers
Board of Health Clerk