

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – October 6, 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 Christina O'Shea, Public Health Nurse; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Swindell motioned to approve the September 1, 2011 meeting minutes. Edward Kowalski seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

#### **PERMITS AND LICENSING**

Carleo stated that he has issued 1 Food Establishment Permit.

#### **PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS**

Carleo reported that Denny's has made strong efforts to comply and demonstrated this in practice. Swindell asked if fines were issued. Carleo reported no fines were required. Kowalski asked if the refrigeration was fully repaired and Carleo reported that the entire refrigeration unit was replaced.

Mirandi informed the Board that many calls reporting dead crows have come into the office. Carleo estimated it at approximately 40.

Carleo ended by stating he currently has 13 investigations open.

#### **DANVERS TRAILER PARK**

Mike Dodge, Manager of Danvers Trailer Park was introduced. Mirandi began by reviewing actions to date for the Board which include the original order to repair or replace the failed septic systems at Danvers Trailer Park issued on April 17, 2007. Mirandi reminded the Board that we have taken two other trailer parks to court in order to gain compliance in the past and that this time would be no different. Mirandi expressed his displeasure that the sewer project was still ongoing and that the general conditions of the neighborhood continue to degrade. Mirandi asked for a hard date from Dodge as to when these would be completed. Dodge stated that the project will be completed which includes connections at all units in 60 days. Mirandi asked the Board if they wished for him to file for receivership in the Housing Court if compliance had not been reached by December 8, 2011. The Board unanimously agreed.

## DOLLAR TREE STORES

Carleo informed the Board that complaints were received about rodent sightings in the Dollar Tree and store he followed up to find a significant infestation of mice. He found extensive damage to foods and determined an imminent threat to health existed at that time. An order for emergency closure was issued. Upon his return several hours later with official orders for closure he found significant attempts to alleviate the situation were already underway. The store remains closed at this time. In addition to the emergency closure order, Carleo ordered them to appear for a public hearing before the Board of Health because he believed that the public was owed an explanation as to how the sanitary conditions of their establishment got so out of control. The Chairman gave the floor to Melanie Spencer, Regional Training Manager. Spencer provided the Board with copies of their corrective action plan and policies and procedures of sanitation and pest control. Kowalski asked what was done with contaminated product and if there were structural issues needing remedy. Spencer replied all product identified as being contaminated has been discarded. Tom Cafiero of Orkin stated that there were some structural issues present but they been repaired. Swindell asked if there were pests other than mice present in the establishment. Cafiero stated that mice were the primary pest. The Board asked Carleo why the store is still closed. Carleo stated that he will do a re-inspection tomorrow morning to determine the current level of risk.

## PEST CONTROL

Mirandi stated that he had recently sent the business and property owners of the square a reminder to maintain their solid waste disposal areas and that frequent inspections will again resume. Interested parties present at the meeting included Marsha Donovan, Attorney for the owner of 6 Cherry Street and Devin Walsh from the Danvers Historical Society. Chairman Kellard asked Attorney Donovan if she would like to speak. Donovan reported that her property at 6 Cherry Street has been inundated with rats and that she has lost a tenant due to this condition. Her other tenant has become fed up with the situation and will likely vacate the unit as well. Chairman Kellard asked Walsh if he would like to add anything. Walsh stated that he has collected three quotes from pest control companies and has already begun removing vegetation from the affected area.

Kowalski stated that when he was the owner of a business in the square, he had arranged for daily trash pick-ups.

Swindell suggested that the Downtown Improvement Committee should intervene.

Carleo asked the Chairman if he could address some of the points that have been made and offer his recommendations. The Chairman agreed. Carleo began by addressing some of the statements that he believed were incorrect or inadequate. He reminded the Board of the basics of Integrated Pest Management which include removing food, water and harborage and then to cause extermination. He further stated that milk crates, plastic bottles and cigarette butts are not a food source for rodents but rather the significant supply of organic garbage consistently found strewn about the ground would supply a large population of rats quite well. Carleo stated that the only way for such a large population of rats to be sustained is with an abundant food supply. Carleo stated that if the food supply is removed, this particular population of rats will experience a natural and rapid decline in population without having resorted to pesticides. Carleo's recommendation to the Board was to order the removal of the three dumpsters in question and to order the property owners to develop long term solutions to this issue by manipulating the built environment. Carleo further agreed to conduct the sanitary survey

with Orkin the following day and expresses confidence that no findings or recommendations would be found beyond those already noted during his inspections.

Swindell asked if issuing fines to the businesses would be a feasible solution. Carleo responded the significant work required in issuing tickets via certified mail, and his current case load of 13 current open investigations.

Kowalski moved that the dumpsters be removed within one week of notice and that the Downtown Committee meeting be addressed at their next meeting on Tuesday. All were in favor.

## **METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUCIL (MAPC) REGIONAL PRESENTATION**

Josh Monahan and Lola Moden were present to discuss progress on the grant they had received to facilitate 8 communities to form a working relationship and proceed toward a regional approach to providing specific public health services, specifically indoor air quality. The board offered a vote of confidence. Nelson said she is curious how they will be able to sustain the programs. Once the final proposal of the grant is completed, a full report will be presented.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT**

Christina O'Shea stated that the flu vaccine supply from the state was cut in half, they received 600 doses. These doses will be used for underinsured or individuals not insured. They have been in touch with CVS and they are willing to work with us and come do flu clinics at the Senior Center, for anyone with Medicare Part B. CVS will provide the vaccine. O'Shea said this position has been a great learning process and that the surrounding town health nurses have helped her.

## **EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT**

Epidemiologist Myers reported the following diseases:

	Since Last Meeting (09/01/11)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Anaplasmosis	3	4
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	3
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrilichiosis	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	0	2

Influenza	0	0
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	2
Malaria	0	0
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	0
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	0
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0
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TOTAL =	4	14

**ANIMAL HEALTH**

**STRAYS IN NEED**

Marcotti informed the Board that they currently have 3 cats and 1 kitten.

**RABIES REPORT**

Marcotti informed the Board that there were no cases of rabies to report.

Mirandi stated that Mike Plunkett, ACO removed an abandoned pitbull from Motel 6. Police have tried to locate the owner but it is not quite resolved yet.

**TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE**

No updates to report at this time.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Mirandi stated that Town Hall’s Annual Open House will be held next Thursday, October 13, 2011 and hoped to have the Emergency Preparedness Trailer lettered up and on display at the Senior Center. Mirandi invited the Board you to come to Open House, take the Trolley around to the different Town buildings.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

No outstanding business to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Swindell motioned to adjourn. Kowalski seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Janell Powers  
Board of Health Clerk