

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – December 11, 2013
Danvers Town Hall, One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923

ADMINISTRATIVE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, in the Meeting Room at the Danvers Senior and Social Center, 25 Stone Street, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923 with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health, Janell Powers, Clerk. Excused was Dr. McLaughlin.

Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2013

Ms. Swindell moved to accept. Mr. Kowalski seconded. All were in favor.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Permits and Licensing

Mr. Mirandi stated that we have collected \$16,275 in fees since the last meeting. This time of year our food establishments are filing their application and fee for their annual permit.

Public & Environmental Health Violations/Nuisance Investigations Report

Mr. Mirandi stated that we have received, responded and closed 11 complaint investigations since the October 23, 2013 meeting, they are being addressed. Included in this report is the complaint received several months ago on 54 Lindall Street. Mirandi stated that this building is being demolished.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Public Health Nurse's Report

Mr. Mirandi stated that approximately 60 doses of state supplied flu vaccine remain from an initial inventory of 740. Nurse O'Shea held a total of 8 public flu clinics during October and November. All schools including 5 elementary, middle school and high school were provided with in-house clinics. Two clinics were held at the fire station and there was a special clinic for DPW workers. Danvers Police interested in receiving a vaccine attended public clinics at the Senior Center. A total of 10 flu shots were given to homebound. An estimate indicates reimbursement from clinics to be approximately \$11,800.

Weekly blood pressure clinics continue and daily MAVEN surveillance continues.

Disease Control/Epidemiology Report

Mr. Mirandi reported on the numbers of communicable diseases reported and investigated by our epidemiologist, Marian Myers. Since July 1, 2013, there have been a total of 23 diseases. 47% are enteric: campylobacter, giardia, are salmonella. Mr. Mirandi also stated that Danvers residents were included in a state-wide salmonellosis cluster.

Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mirandi stated that Christina O'Shea and our regional Emergency Preparedness assistant have updated all contact information for key personnel identified on our "call down" plan.

Sun Safety

Mr. Mirandi stated that he sent a message to Ruth Price today. Due to the reduced grant funding, her hours have been reduced. An update on progress made toward policy development is forthcoming.

Tobacco Control

Mr. Mirandi stated that there were no updates at this time.

Medical Marijuana

Mr. Mirandi stated that Danvers did not receive an application for a medical marijuana dispensary before the deadline. Board again agreed that the Department of Public Health regulations were adequate for now and there are no concerns on this at this time.

ANIMAL HEALTH

Mr. Mirandi reported that recruiting an animal control officer has been very challenging yet the need for this person remains very evident. Mr. Mirandi included Nikki Petronio's resume and stated that she is our ACO in training.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

District Incentive Grant (DIG) Update

Mr. Mirandi stated they have hired an inspector who may be available to assist Mark Carleo.

Chairman for 2014

Mr. Kowalski nominated Ms. Swindell as Chairperson for 2014. Mrs. Swindell accepted thanked Mr. Kowalski for all of his hard work as Chair in 2013.

OTHER BUISNESS

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Swindell, a brief discussion about the garbage grinders took place with Mr. Mirandi stating that he had spoken with the health director in Melrose, which does not allow garbage disposals in buildings because of potential wastewater disposal problems. He is also trying to contact Dr Anthony Patton, who was on the Board of Health at the time. Mrs. Swindell stated that the regulation is pretty straight forward but agreed to wait until May to monitor the newly constructed condominiums before coming to a decision on the status of this regulation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Kowalski motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Swindell seconded. All were in favor. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Janell Powers
Board of Health Clerk