

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – March 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas McLaughlin, MD at 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; Member, Edmund Kowalski; Mark L. Carleo, Public Health Inspector; and Melanie Dineen, Environmental Health Inspector and Clerk. Absent was Member, Martha Swindell.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 2, 2017.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

#### **PERSONNEL**

Carleo shared with the board that both he and Melanie Dineen passed the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Registered Environmental Health Specialist exam on Monday, February 27, 2017. This exam provides a level of credentialing recognized nationwide.

#### **LICENSING & PERMITS**

Carleo informed the Board since the February meeting that three additional Food Establishment Permits have been issued. There has also been one body art establishment and two body art practitioner licenses issued.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Dave's Mobil, 97 Maple Street has cancelled their request for a public hearing. They are no longer going to be selling food or tobacco at this establishment. Carleo met with the owner of Dave's Mobil and they have agreed to donate all foods not sold by the end of March to the Food Pantry.

#### **NUISANCE REPORTS**

Since the last meeting, eleven complaints were filed with the Office of the Board of Health. Most notable were the pest control complaints. The mild winter and past history in the Town with rodents was discussed. Carleo expressed a concern to the Board that there could be an increase of complaints this summer with regards to rodents. Most notable was a current complaint at 4 Lummus Ave- an order to correct has been issued.

#### **313 MAPLE STREET**

Carleo informed the board that the property had been boarded up as discussed at the February 2 meeting. A realtor is attempting to purchase the property and may have permission from the property owner to enter. Once Carleo receives permission from the owner in writing he will let the realtor have access to the property.

#### **65 PURCHASE STREET**

Carleo reported that this dwelling remains boarded up. The neighborhood will eventually start complaining about it as a blight. The property owner remains in a care facility and is not willing to relinquish control to family.

## FOOD PROGRAM STANDARDS

Carleo reported that there is no news in regard to the program standards in the month of February. The next goal will be developing a foodborne illness response handbook.

## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Carleo received an update from Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse earlier in the day and provided the following nursing report

### DANVERS CARES

In conjunction with DanversCares Dr. Ruth Potee gave a lecture Feb. 9, 2017 on addiction and the adolescent brain. This talk was very well received and this speaker is highly recommended if anyone ever has a chance to hear her speak. To summarize her findings: 50% of the population is genetically predisposed to addiction. If an individual abstains from addictive substances until the age of 21, this predisposition is reduced to 40%, if an individual is 25 years of age this is reduced to 7%. She highlighted two weaknesses to the recreational marijuana law recently passed in Massachusetts. There is no limit in the current laws to how much THC can be in any product. Dr. Potee suggested that edibles should be prohibited as they are appealing to children.

### QUARTERLY TB MEETING

Ryan will be attending the quarterly TB meetings at the NSMC on March 10. The Town has one case of active TB under direct observation.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT

Judith Ryan reported that the Greater North Shore Public Health Nurses met on February 28 and discussed the incidence of flu virus in the population. The most pressing concern was that there is only one manufacturer of the high dose 65+ trivalent vaccine- Sanofi. Other manufacturers have been labeling and selling vaccine for 65+, but it is not in the high dose form.

### SOCIAL SENIORS PROGRAM

Carleo shared that Ryan will be attending two upcoming seminars on dementia care.

### DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported that MAVEN shows 14 confirmed cases of influenza since the last meeting. There is 1 confirmed case of Hepatitis C and the 1 active TB case is now also being treated for *M. fortuitum*. There was one suspected case of mumps in a 21-yr. old female that showed PCR negative but based on clinical presentations remains suspect. The patient was up to date on all immunizations.

### RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Carleo provided print materials regarding the use of recreational marijuana in the towns of West Bridgewater and Peabody. Both articles explained the legislation and position that each town is taking in regards to sale of recreational marijuana. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of recreational marijuana in Danvers. The Board is currently taking a wait and see approach as voters may take a stand at town meeting. Discussion centered around zoning and the possibility of zoning establishments in the adult use zone.

## **ANIMAL CARE**

### **STRAYS IN NEED**

On behalf of Jean Marcotti, Carleo informed the Board that since the last meeting, Strays in Need has one stray cat currently residing at the Danvers Animal Hospital.

### **ANIMAL COMPLAINTS**

Carleo informed the Board that since the last meeting Marcotti investigated four animal health complaints due to dog bites.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BROWN'S POND**

Kowalski inquired about the status of Brown's pond and the reported level of Arsenic in the water. This property is owned by the Town of Danvers. A general discussion of the history ensued. Carleo agreed to conduct research and bring a more detailed report to the next BOH meeting.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Melanie Dineen  
Clerk for the Board of Health