

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – May 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas McLaughlin, MD at the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were; Member, Edmund Kowalski; Member, Martha Swindell, Mark L. Carleo, Public Health Inspector, and Melanie Dineen, Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of April 6, 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo informed the Board that applications for Recreational Camps for Children and Semi-Public Swimming pools were trickling in. We average about 6 camps per year during the summer which consume a vast amount of staff time to permit. We permit approximately 20 semi-public pools.

PUBLIC HEARING: McKINNON'S BUTCHER SHOP

The public hearing for McKinnon's was cancelled. Carleo informed the Board that after a routine inspection by Dineen, it was noted that the produce area operations had expanded at some point into working with open and exposed ready-to-eat foods. There is no hand sink in this area and it is not designed for such work. They were ordered to discontinue using this area for open and exposed food or install a hand sink. McKinnon's decided instead to move the operations in question to the deli prep area thereby correcting the outstanding violation.

PUBLIC HEARING: 55 CLINTON AVENUE

Carleo informed the board that the hearing for Clinton Avenue is postponed until June 1, 2017. The status of the property is a clean-up is underway. It is his hope that no hearing will be needed, that the owners will post no trespassing signs and that the Police from that point forward will enforce those trespassing signs at this site. The Board agrees that the property must be posted with no trespassing signage.

The Board had requested an update on Brown's Pond at the previous meeting. Carleo stated that he has contacted EPA requesting their presence at the June 1 meeting. Additionally, he provided a copy of the warrant article for Town Meeting which is for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the continuing clean-up of this area.

NUISANCE REPORTS

Carleo reported that we are experiencing a temporary server issue which could affect the quality of data normally reported. Therefore, no actual numbers were provided. He offered anecdotal information that typical of this time of year, nuisance complaints begin to increase.

FOOD PROGRAM STANDARDS

Carleo reported that a Program Standards sharing session is scheduled for May 17 in Acton. He will be in attendance and will return with plenty of information for us to restart our efforts.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported that Ryan received notification of 3 cases of Hep C, 1 case of Strep Pneumo, and 15 cases of Influenza.

INFLUENZA SUMMARY

Nineteen clinics were managed by the Public Health Nurse, where 490 doses were provided in conjunction with CVS. From September 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 there were 79 cases of influenza reported. March alone had 29 cases and September through January had a total of 18. Cases for the last three years:

2014/2015 – 63 cases

2015/2016 – 29 cases

2016/2017 – 79 cases

The Board recognized Judith Ryans contribution for coordinating with CVS, vaccinating critical employees at the Danvers School Department, Public Works and others, and, the numerous clinics at the Senior Center.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Carleo provided the Board with a copy of the warrant article relative to recreational Marijuana for the upcoming Town Meeting. The Town is proposing a moratorium on the issuance of any recreational marijuana license in Town until such time as we have considered the state regulations, reviewed zoning, considering how many licenses should be issued if any, and to consider whether consumption on the premises should be allowed.

ANIMAL CARE

STRAYS IN NEED

On behalf of Jean Marcotti, Carleo informed the Board that Strays in Need is currently holding no animals.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

Marcotti has reported to Carleo that quarantine numbers are typical for the last month. However, wildlife calls are on the increase. Carleo updated the Board on the Town's current goose control program.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Melanie Dineen
Clerk for the Board of Health