

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – June 1, 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; Edmund Kowalski, member, Martha Swindell, member, Mark L. Carleo, Inspector, and Melanie Dineen, Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 4, 2017.

DISCUSSION OF MEETING DATES:

The Board unanimously agreed to cancel their meetings for July and December 2017. The next BOH meeting will be August 3, 2017.

TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT FEE:

Carleo recommended that the Board consider reducing their current permit fee for Temporary Food Establishments is \$125. On almost every occasion, this fee is being waived as it would prevent any event from having foodservice. Put simply, the fee is unreasonable in his opinion. He requested the Board vote to set the fee at \$35. The Board unanimously approved to set the temporary food permit fee to \$35.00. This type of food permit is valid for fourteen consecutive days.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

Carleo informed the Board that applications for Recreational Camps for Children were slow to be coming in with only two camps registering this month. We average about 6 camps per year during the summer which consume a vast amount of staff time to permit. Inspection and permitting has occurred for 15 of the 20 semi-private pools in town. Four food establishments have submitted permits in May. Mark has been working with vendors from the farmers market to get them permitted. The Town has 4 new garbage and offensive substances haulers permits on the books primarily due to the efforts with the grease trap initiative.

PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATIONS

In May, there was a total of 44 complaints with 43 being closed to date. Rat complaints are down from last year. There was one food safety complaint involving a tuna salad sold under the Market Basket Brand Label. This was a packaged type product prepared off site. A full environmental health investigation form was filled out in compliance with an FDA program called NEARS.

PUBLIC HEARING: 55 CLINTON AVENUE

The owners of 55 Clinton Avenue did not show at the hearing. Carleo reported that the owners have posted no trespassing signs and that the Police from this point forward will enforce trespassing at this site

FOOD PROGRAM STANDARDS

Carleo attended a retail program standards sharing session on May 17th in Acton. A brief description of retail program standard 3 was provided. Carleo will have a detailed outline of this program for Danvers at the August 3 Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

DANVERSCARES

The substance awareness walk “Light the Night Purple” was a great success. Turnout was good and the speakers were well received.

DIAPER DRIVE

Danvers collected 518 diapers which was significantly less than last year. Similar outcomes were seen in the other communities. The program is reviewing options and potential changes for next year.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS

The high school nursing interns ended June 1. Ryan has hired one of the interns for the summer to work in the Social Seniors program.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Carleo reported that Ryan received notification of 1 case of Hep C, 1 case of salmonellosis, and 2 cases of Influenza. A 31year old male was a probably mumps case showing clinical description but tested negative. The patient was vaccinated as a youth.

The total influenza cases for the year in Danvers were 81 compared to 9101 at the state level. Most cases were seen in the elderly. Danvers peak was in March; the state was February. In general, it was a moderate flu season (compared to last year’s mild season). Strains in circulation were a good match to the vaccine.

MARIJUANA

Carleo attended a technical review committee for Sanctuary Medicinals. This is a medical marijuana facility slated to operate at 2 Electronics Ave in Danvers. A technical review is when all departments meet with a business to deliver all pertinent information needed regarding permits, inspections and licensing in town prior to operation. Sanctuary Medicinals had insight into what was being consumed as edibles which led to a discussion with the Board about the hazards this poses to children.

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 there was a few dog on dog bites this month, but nothing involving people. There were numerous wildlife calls including complaints regarding fox and racoon sightings

during daylight hours. Ducks are nesting in strange places and are in swimming pools. Geese have been cited for disturbing the peace. One complaint regarded cows being “tied out” which turned out to be goats.

NEW BUSINESS

Brown’s Pond: Carleo reported that he had asked the EPA to attend the Board meeting this month. The EPA informed Carleo that they did not have someone available but would be hosting a community forum. Carleo will keep the board apprised of the time/location of such forum.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Melanie Dineen
Clerk for the Board of Health