

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – November 2, 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; Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of October 5, 2017.

FEE SCHEDULE

Carleo provided the Board with a proposed fee schedule which showed increases for most permits. While he very much understands the weight of fees on the private sector, the Commonwealth is prepared to adopt new versions of regulations which will impact not just the regulated industry, but also our ability to conduct comprehensive inspections. Coupled with increasingly tighter appropriations each year and a Division in transition, it is necessary. The Board unanimously voted to accept Carleo's recommendations.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING UPDATE

Carleo informed the Board that very few permits had been issued since the last meeting; typical, for this time of year. However, the Office is in preparations for renewing several hundred permits for 2018. The Board can expect an update on that process in January.

NUISANCE REPORT

Carleo summarized the nuisance investigations conducted since the last meeting. In total 20 complaints were received. Pest control complaints remained unusually low yet again.

65 PURCHASE STREET

Carleo informed the Board that the day prior at the Civil Division of the District Court, a receiver was appointed for the subject property. The Levis Companies will serve as the receiver. Our next step is to review the receiver's budget for the property and get this approved by the Court.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT

Judith Ryan was present to provide the Board with an update on her recent activities.

Ryan described a program titled "In Plain Sight" to the Board. This was an educational piece put together by DanversCARES and several assisting agencies and sponsors. The program consists of a mock teenager's bedroom and helps parents identify common hiding areas for drugs and new drug delivery devices such as juul. The program will run for two additional days at the Police Department on Ash Street the following week.

Additionally, Nurse Ryan informed the Board that scheduled flu clinics were completed. Full details would be provided at the January meeting. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had requested that all flu clinics be completed by October 31.

Blood Pressure Clinics continue on Thursdays 8:30-11:30AM.

The Social Seniors Program is popular enough to now have a wait-list.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Nurse Ryan reported that since the last meeting she has received 1 probable Hep C, 1 confirmed Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis, 8 suspect Lyme, 1 confirmed Salmonellosis and 1 suspect Varicella.

MARIJUANA

Carleo informed the Board that there are Warrant Articles relative to Marijuana scheduled for Town Meeting on December 4th. It is highly likely, that the Town will simply vote to prohibit recreational cannabis in Danvers.

TOBACCO CONTROL

Carleo informed the Board that they can expect to hear from Joyce Redford at the January Meeting. She has requested that the Board consider capping the number of tobacco licenses issued annually as well as to re-visit the restriction on the sale of flavored tobacco products. No recommendation is yet available, other than to listen to Joyce's presentation, consider the sources of information, the science and purpose behind the regulatory actions and to simply not feel pressured to make a decision right away.

ANIMAL CARE

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

Carleo informed the Board that Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist, had completed the annual "barn book." Carleo read the number of animals in Town by species but provided no additional details. He reminded the Board that this information is kept confidential as agriculture is a target for terrorist attack.

A THANK YOU TO MARTHA SWINDELL

Just prior to adjourning the meeting, Carleo invited in Director of Health and Veterans' Services, Peter Mirandi, to present to Martha Swindell at her last meeting as a Board of Health Member a plaque recognizing her contributions and fantastic example of volunteerism and public service. All present, thanked Martha for her decade of devotion to Public Health in Danvers and wished her well.

Carleo reminded the Board that there will be no December meeting, wished the Board a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year. And, with no further business at hand, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo
Clerk for the Board of Health