

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – January 10, 2019**

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; Dutrochet Djoko, Member; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

#### **PERMITS AND LICENSING UPDATE**

Carleo reported on the permits issued since the November 1 meeting. In sum, 158 food establishment permits were issued. This represents a greater renewal rate than in previous years. There is still about 40 or so establishment that need to apply. Enforcement actions begin the following week on late applicants.

#### **RETAILER DENSITY**

Carleo reported that as our flavor restriction takes effect January 1, an unintended consequence is a sharp increase in the number of individuals seeking tobacco retailer permits. The Board held a brief discussion on the merits of capping the number of permits available for issue. While no conclusion was reached, the Board agreed to explore the idea this spring.

#### **NUISANCE REPORT**

Carleo provided the Board with the nuisance report beginning November 1, 2018. Of note were the 45 pest control complaints received. After some comments on social media about rat activity in Town, Carleo responded to the public outcry by expanding data collection. A section of the Town's website was put up to collect rodent complaints and comments relative thereto. The vast majority of the complaints were of a single sighting. Some were more severe. Overall, the Board agreed with Carleo that our response to these should not change. We will continue to provide the public with the information they need to act on these issues themselves such as IPM principles and hiring a professional. In addition, we will continue ordering unsanitary conditions which may contribute to infestation to be remedied.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

#### **NURSE'S REPORT**

In Nurse Ryan's absence, Carleo provided the Board's update on the activities of the Public Health Nurse.

Blood pressure clinics are expanding to the Fairweather Apartments and will be held monthly. The Memory Café will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Currently, there are openings for the Social Seniors program.

## **FLU CLINICS**

The last flu clinic was held November 24<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a regional clinic which was planned for the North Shore Mall was cancelled. However; the clinic was rescheduled and held once again at the Danvers Y. After holding clinics at this venue twice, we have decided with support from the Y, to move our secondary Emergency Dispensing Site to this location. Plans will be updated as we are able.

## **DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS**

Since the November meeting, Nurse Ryan has received reports of 4 cases of Hep C, 24 cases of Influenza and, 3 cases of Strep Pneumonia.

## **CANNABIS**

Carleo provided the Board with sales data from November 20 through December 30. During this brief period, dispensaries sold an aggregate of almost 15 million dollars of product.

## **ANIMAL CARE**

### **ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Carleo reported on an unlicensed kennel located at 238 Conant Street, which upon complaint was found to be in unsanitary condition as well. Peter Mirandi had issued steep fines for the numerous unlicensed and unvaccinated dogs on the premises and requested action by the building inspector (zoning) and Animal Rescue League of Boston for evaluation of the conditions. The fines have been paid, but other inspections and enforcement is ongoing.

### **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

A request came in for us to develop regulations for the keeping of non-domestic type animals from our Planning Division. Carleo informed the Board he is reviewing other community's regulations and will be working to draft a comprehensive set of requirements that will balance disease control, sanitation, as well as the communities desire to maintain some rural character. He hopes to complete this work for the spring-time. The Board was supportive of the idea and agreed that Carleo should move forward.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BODY ART APPRENTICESHIP LICENSURE**

Carleo was recently asked to issue a license to an apprentice at a licensed body art establishment. Staff is aware that such apprenticeships occur; in fact, our regulation requires a year-long apprenticeship. However, we offer no such formal method of training and documentation plan. Carleo requested the Board's approval to re-open the body art regulations for amendment sometime in the summer. The Board was supportive of creating an apprenticeship license which has some practical and written exam at its conclusion.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo  
Clerk for the Board of Health