

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – June 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Edmund Kowalski at the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were; Dutrochet Djoko, Member; Dennis Palazzo, Inspector; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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

Carleo reported on the permits issued since the last meeting of the Board of Health. In sum, the majority of pools were inspected and permitted, camp applications continue to be received, and temporary food service permit applications are flowing in as well. The Farmer's Market will begin soon and Carleo has set a stricter rule of retail sales only. In the past couple years, we attempted to allow some slight preparation on site after significant lobbying. It was allowed and inspections showed that risks were not being adequately controlled.

#### **NUISANCE REPORT**

Carleo summarized the nuisance investigations conducted since the last meeting. In total 84 complaints were received since March 1. The majority of complaints; as is typical for this time of year, were relative to rodents and solid waste. Not all complaints were investigated as there were simply too many, and quite a few were not legitimate health complaints.

One complaint deserving of some additional attention is regarding the Concord Gas Station on Water Street. A neighbor complained about piles of junk and debris strewn about the property. Upon investigation, the complaint was valid. An order to correct was issued. At a re-inspection, Carleo found that the property did not fully comply with the order, and in addition, there was significant mishandling of motor oil and other automotive fluids. He requested an inspection by the Fire Department. Captain James Brooks of the Danvers Fire Department investigated and gave Concord 24 hours to clean up the site. Failure to comply will result in a report to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

#### **65 PURCHASE STREET**

Carleo met with the receiver of 65 Purchase Street on site recently. The project is coming to a conclusion within the next week or two. Once finished, the receiver will meet with us at the District Court to officially end the receivership. Simultaneously, the receiver will foreclose on the lien and the house will be up for auction some time later.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

### **DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS**

On behalf of Nurse Ryan, Carleo informed the Board that for the months of April and May, we received: 1 Group B Strep, 1 Haemophilus Influenzae, 2 Hep C, 1 Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis, 7 Influenza, 1 Legionellosis, 6 Lyme Disease, 1 Strep Pneumoniae, 1 Tuberculosis; and, 2 Varicella.

### **DanversCARES**

Carleo informed the Board that at the Annual Meeting of DanversCARES, our Nurse Judith Ryan received the Collaboration Award for her work and partnership with DanversCARES. Carleo and the Board all expressed their thanks for Nurse Ryan's excellent work, her positive and caring attitude and are very proud of her accomplishments.

The Annual "Light The Night Purple" event was held recently and attendance was significantly higher than in years past.

Nurse Ryan will be conducting several trainings for our Recreation Department including CPR/First Aid, Stop the Bleed and EpiPens. Additionally, she will be manning a booth at the Farmer's Market on Tick and Mosquito illnesses.

### **CANNABIS**

Carleo informed the Board that Sanctuary Medicinals will be pulling their building permits to begin their interior renovations. They will likely be open within the next couple months. In other news, the Commonwealth has received 205 priority applications and could begin issuing licenses as early as July. Also, as of this morning, Senators Warren (MA) and Gardner (CO) filed the bipartisan STATES Act which strengthens the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment and preclude Federal interference in a state's legal cannabis business.

## **ANIMAL CARE**

### **ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Carleo reported on the fifty animal related complaints received since March 1. This time of year, wildlife calls go up exponentially. This year is no different; however, coyote calls may be a bit more than usual.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kowalski inquired about the status of mosquito control efforts. Both he and Carleo recall in years past where annually, a Best Management Plan was issued to the Town for review. This has not happened for the last several years. Carleo stated that there were some staff changes made in the District, but that he would inquire. Kowalski also asked if we are continuing with Canada Goose control. Carleo replied we are beginning our efforts again this time of year.

Djoko asked if the Board of Health was involved in the annual Drug Takeback Day. He learned at a recent training that approximately 80% of youth are acquiring prescription drugs for self-administration from the family medicine cabinet. He wonders if the Board of Health can play a role in perhaps sponsoring a second take-back day each year. Djoko requested that staff get active on social media as a means of public education. Carleo agreed that this was imperative and will begin scheduling time. The

Board has a twitter @DanversBOH. It has been inactive for some time as the Town formed the IT Steering Committee and worked to create a social media policy. At this point, the wait for the approval of that policy has taken much longer than expected. With that in mind, Carleo will begin posting information on social media once again.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo  
Clerk for the Board of Health