

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – October 11, 2018**

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; Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of September 6, 2018.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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

Carleo informed the Board that since the last meeting, 3 food establishment permits were issued and 1 tanning salon license was renewed.

#### **RESCIND ADOPTION OF THE 2013 FOOD CODE**

Carleo reminded the Board of their adoption of the 2013 Food Code in August of 2016; and, further informed the Board, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth has published the latest version of 105 CMR 590, and the 2013 Food Code, as adopted by the Public Health Council. Their adoption of this latest edition would cause confusion due to conflicting requirements from the old version and Carleo therefore asked that the Board move to rescind its adoption of the 2013 Food Code. Carleo assured the Board that while these requirements may be new in some jurisdictions, Danvers has offered trainings to industry over the last two years and this will not cause disruption or hardships.

Kowalski moved that the Board rescind the adoption of the 2013 Food Code and prior version of 105 CMR 590 and join the Commonwealth in using the newly published version of 105 CMR 590 dated October 5, 2018 effective immediately. Djoko seconded and all were in favor.

Carleo thanked the Board and the Director Peter Mirandi for their foresight several years ago in adopting updated science based regulations.

### **NUISANCE REPORT**

Carleo summarized the nuisance investigations conducted since the last meeting. In sum, 37 complaints were filed and investigated. Pest control complaints have been below typical levels, but seemed to jump in the days leading up to the meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

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

Nurse Ryan was present to update the Board on the activities of the Public Health Nurse. She will be working with Walgreens and CVS in partnership to provide flu vaccinations to all residents desiring immunization. She will be holding clinics at the Senior Center by appointment, a clinic for Town Employees and their families, all public-school employees, employees of St. Mary's School and at Recovery Centers of America. We have received 50 doses from DPH for those 8 to 19 years of age, or adults with Mass Health or no insurance coverage. She will also be working under mutual aid

agreements to provide clinics in other communities in the region as well as at least one large regional clinic to be announced soon.

She continues to work with DanversCARES, which will be hosting “Parent University” again on November 3, 2018 from 8am to 12pm.

Operation Stand Down was a success, and approximately 50 to 75 Veterans were vaccinated for the flu.

The Library will receive training on AED and Narcan administration on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1030am to 1130am.

## **DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS**

Nurse Ryan provided the Board with her disease investigations since the last meeting. In sum, received reports of 1 case of cryptosporidiosis, 1 case of haemophilus influenzae, and 2 cases of hepatitis C. Additionally, a single case of campylobacter was received this afternoon and a case of legionellosis was awaiting laboratory confirmation.

## **CANNABIS**

Carleo informed the Board that since the last meeting the Cannabis Control Commission (CNB) had approved 4 licenses for Marijuana establishments in Massachusetts. He was not aware of any approvals in our region.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATION FROM MA SIERRA CLUB REGARDING GAS INFRASTRUCTURE**

Carleo requested that the Chair skip to this agenda item under new business and the Chair agreed.

On the phone was T. Stephen Jones, a former CDC employee, Medical Doctor, and holder of a Master’s in Public Health to request that the Board draft a letter to Governor Baker demanding that he withhold any additional approvals for gas infrastructure work until current infrastructure is repaired and maintained in a reasonably safe condition.

Jones provided a list of human health effects from natural gas such as the toxic components like benzene, formaldehyde, lead, and radon. He correlates lung disease and premature death to cooking and burning natural gas. He cited damage and injury caused by gas fires and explosions and reviewed some literature on the hazards of natural gas.

After a brief discussion on the matter, the Board requested that Carleo draft a letter to the Governor which requests evaluation of the hazards of our current gas infrastructure and thanked Mr. Jones for his time and dedication to Public Health.

## **ANIMAL CARE**

### **ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Carleo reported on the complaints relative to wildlife and nuisance animals since the last meeting. In sum, 17 complaints regarding animals were made to the office. Nothing out of the ordinary was reported, or required additional action.

### **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

Carleo updated the Board on the recent events at Carolyn Drive and the ZBA ordering the removal of pet goats kept by the owner. Due to this decision, the Town is re-examining its zoning ordinance to determine if a better method of regulating the keeping of animals could be attempted. The Board should expect to be involved in discussions in the future and perhaps a new Board of Health regulation may be needed. At this time, only a preliminary meeting was held between Planning, Inspectional Services and Health.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FOOD SAFETY FORUM**

Carleo apologized to the Board for the error on the agenda. The Food Safety Forum was an agenda item last month and should have been deleted prior to posting.

### **DISTRICT INCENTIVE GRANT: RFP FOR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

The regional coalition referred to as DIG has engaged a consultant to explore community integrated pest management plans that would address rodent control during certain infrastructure projects and street openings. As the Board has discussed this issue before, the data on whether street openings stir up rodents is questionable. At this time, staff do not have an expert recommendation as the process has only begun. The Board requested updates as this project moves forward and Carleo assured them they will be provided.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo  
Clerk for the Board of Health