



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2013

5:00 pm

Conference Room @ Healey School
5 Meacham Street

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: David Naparstek, Consultant, Leah Gallant, Somerville Journal Intern

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:00 pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:
"The June 20, 2013 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dr. Green made a motion to suspend the agenda for the 2 topics below (1A and 1B) Ms. Mello seconded it.

1A) Mr. Naparstek was introduced to the board. The city has hired him to help in providing technical assistance to create policy and procedure for joint Health and ISD Departments initiatives such as formalizing food inspections, staffing policies, and strengthen the relationship between the 2 divisions and providing guidance.

1B) The owner of Highland Cuisine, Mr. Rosemond Falaise came in front of the board to give details and updates on his restaurant. At previous hearing, the Board recommended Mr. Falaise hire a food consultant which he did. Mr. Falaise gave an overview of what he has learned and implementing in his restaurant from the recommendations of the consultant. In the end, he stated he thought the money spent on the consultant was well worth it and he has learned a lot and now feels proud that his restaurant is in compliance and hopes to pass every time there is a restaurant inspection schedule.

Dr. Green made a motion to return to the agenda, Ms. Mello seconded it.



Variance Request: None

Updates:

Temporary Food Permitting – Mr. Naparstek will be working with ISD to help in creating and implementing temporary food permitting policies.

Restaurant Inspections – July, 2013: Inspections for the month of July had very few inspections with 6+ violations. Only 2, the restaurants for the most part are all staying in compliance.

Health Department Updates: National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Shape-up-Somerville is reaching out to low-income residents on healthy eating through their mobile market. The summer program at the schools has utilized the services of our nurses for summer school. The SKIP Program at Somerville High will not be ready by the first day of school. Marlene Bartlett will be relocating from the PIC to the Annex and will work out of each location on a rotating basis. The Commissions worked at Art beat to recruit more members for the Commissions. The LGBT has been doing outreach to the adult population during the summer months.

Health Department Updates: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado the Health Department updates were approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next Meetings: September 19, 2013
Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue
Conference Room – 1st Floor

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 5:47pm, seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
August 21, 2013