



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting

December 18, 2014

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Dina McCarron Interim Health Director
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipham, ISD Health Division, Ellen Collins, ISD Health Division, Bonny Carroll Tobacco Control, Erica Satin-Hernandez, Shape-up-Somerville

Guests: DJ Wilson, Mass Municipal Association, Lea Ruscio, Somerville Armory, Warren Goldstein-Gelb and Sarah Shugars, of Welcome Project and Rosie Wagner of Smiles by Rosie

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello @ 5:04pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The November 20, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tobacco Control: DJ Wilson from Mass Municipal Association came in front of the board to give an update on the proposed amendments to the city's Tobacco Control Regulations; Restricting the Sales of Tobacco Products and Regulations affecting Smoking in Certain Places. The next step is for the city to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the tobacco regulations. The board had decided to hold off on a hearing date until a new Health and Human Services Director has been hired.

Temporary Food Permit Policies Updates: Mr. Goldstein-Gelb and Ms. Sarah Shugars from the Welcome Project appeared in front of the board to present their proposal for Temporary Food Service Permit for Charitable Organizations Receiving Food Donations from Local Restaurants. Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Ruscio, from the Somerville Armory, gave a brief overview of their proposal. A short discussion followed. It was decided that all donated food MUST come from licensed establishments. It was not in the proposal draft, but it will be added in. Dr. Green made a motion to bring the proposal back for review and to vote on it at the next board's meeting in January.

Variance/Hearing Requests: – There were no requests for variances or hearings for the month of December 2014.

ISD/Heath Division Updates: The ISD Division has been working on a draft of ROP (reduced oxygen packaging) regulations and will present to the board members for review.

Restaurant Inspections – November 2014: Ms. Collins is working with Citenserve to create a restaurant inspection report. Ms. Teixeira was briefly introduced/trained on the Citenserve software and will have access to it and will be able to download reports for the board members.

Review 911 Emergency Calls – The data for November 2014 was reviewed by the board members.

Health Department Updates:

Public Health Nursing: The final flu clinic was held at the Winter Hill Community School on December 20, 2014.

Ms. McCarron invited Rosie Wagner to introduce her to the board members.

Ms. Rosie Wagner, her dental office, will be holding a Community Immunization Day for adults on January 7, 2015

This is a free event, but registration is strongly encouraged.

Next Meetings: January 15, 2015.

Location - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1st Floor@ 5:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm and seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
December 29, 2014