



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
Health Department



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MINUTES  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

February 16, 2012  
5:00 pm  
City Hall Annex Conference Room

**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:** Vicki Andrews, Mikko Chua, Jordan Lisowski

**Meeting Called to Order:** by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:04pm

**Previous Minutes:** On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:  
*"The January 19, 2012 Minutes were approved as circulated."* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***ISD/Health:***

**Variance Request:** Mr. Jordan Lisowski, Operations Coordinator and Mr. Mikko Chua, Regional Manager of Sushi Avenue were granted a variance to have their rice controlled by pH. Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to approve the variance for Sushi Avenue, seconded by Ms. Mello. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Temporary Food Permit Policy Updates:** Maureen Lee has provided a basic scope of services on preparing a policy. Once her contract is approved, with the additional services, Ms. Renault-Caragianes hopes to have a draft of Ms. Lee's policy to present to the board members either at the March or April meeting. Ms. Renault-Caragianes will seek guidance from the Law Office to see whether a public hearing is warranted. The Board of Alderman is looking into whether the city should have a mobile food permit truck ordinance.

**January 2012 Restaurant Inspections:** The January restaurant inspections were reviewed by the board. Dr. Green would like to see the inspection report to be categorized by type of inspections, by re-inspections first, then routine. Ms. Henkle will revise the report for next board meeting. Ms. Renault-Caragianes will email Ms. Lee to get an explanation on restaurant reports when a restaurant has 10 violations with a 0 risk, what does that look like.

**Health Department Updates:** The Middlesex Community Transformation Launch Event will be March 23, 2012. This funding will support efforts of Shape Up Somerville and Tobacco Control efforts in multiple communities in Middlesex County. More details on the event to follow. Somerville Cares about Prevention has been sitting in periodically at License Commission meetings for liquor license to observe and what their role in compliance activities might entail. The part-time public health nurse position will be posted It will be a 20 hours a week job. The Health Department has been using the social media outlets such has FaceBook and Twitter routinely to get information out on the department's activities. We offered a school nurse position to a candidate but she declined citing the salary as the reason that she could not take our offer. Many cases of gastro intestinal illness likely linked to Noro Virus have been reported in school settings etc but complaints appear to be on the decline. The DPH sent out notice that seasonal flu is just starting to flare up and that it is not too late to get vaccinated.

**Director's Report:** On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:

*"The Health Departments' Updates were approved as circulated."*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Dr. Green spoke briefly about a multi-site study which included Mass Ave in Cambridge, Seattle and Chapel Hill in North Carolina. The study was on the behaviors of bicycles, cars, number of accidents and it appears that "shallow" on the road has helped with bicyclists and cars sharing the same roadways.

**Next Meetings:** March 15, 2012  
April 19, 2012 meeting was changed to April 26, 2012

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)  
February 21, 2012