



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

February 28, 2013

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: David Hudson and Cory Mashburn

Guests: Mr. Alan Chen from Lotus Express

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:10pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:

"The January 21, 2013 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Request: Dr. Green made a motion to approve Lotus Express establishment located at 167 Broadway for a variance on rectification of rice. Ms. Machado seconded it.

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Introduction: David Hudson was hired by the city to be the new SUS Director. David Hudson originally worked with SUS when it was at Tufts from 2003 to 2005. In his previous job he worked in Portland Oregon he managed a healthy active school program.

Medical Marijuana Update: As of January 1, 2013, people are allowed to smoke and grow marijuana with a recommendation from a doctor. DPH has till May 1, 2013 to have its regulations in placed, but the DPH says it will take longer than that. At the local level, some cities and towns are looking to ban dispensaries, or have ordinances in place. The Attorney General office is looking to see if the bans are legal. The Attorney General's office will have a decision made by March 21, 2013.

Updates: The Grease Trap Regulations, Temporary Food Permitting and Mobile Truck Policies no new updates at this time.



Restaurant Inspections – January 2013: The restaurant inspections were reviewed by the board. Highland Cuisine and Speedy’s Pizza were shut down due to numerous health code violations.

Health Department Updates: The Roadmaps Grant was awarded to the City of Cambridge and Fall River. A debriefing call will be done next week and we will find out where the City of Somerville can do better. The city will definitely reapply. The Smea and the City have come to an agreement and a new contract was signed up till June 30, 2016. The school nurse’s salary structure has been revised to a more competitive level to attract and retain nurses. The FY14 budget process has begun. The non-union city employees have gone to a performance management plan evaluations. National Public Health Week is April 1 thru April 5, 2013.

On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado, *“The Health Updates were approved as circulated”*
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2013 @ 5pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
March 5, 2013