

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
January 21, 2010
5:00pm
City Hall Annex Conference Room

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

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:08pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado; *“The December 17, 20009 Minutes were approved as circulated.”*
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fees Increases Governed by the Board of Health: The following fees were increased and voted by the board for the fiscal year 2010. The new rates will be in effect January 21, 2010.

Dr. Green made a motion to increase the Dumpster Permit from \$75 to \$80.
Ms. Machado seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
Dr. Green made a motion to increase the Dumpster Contractors’ Permit from \$300 to \$330.
Ms. Machado seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
Dr. Green made a motion to increase the Body Art Practitioner License from \$350 to \$400; and the Body Art Establishment from \$450 to \$500. The Body Art Apprentice will remain the same, which is \$300. Ms. Machado seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
Dr. Green made a motion to increase the Location of Tobacco Sales from \$125 to \$150.
Ms. Machado seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

H1NI/Seasonal Flu Vaccines Updates: Ms. Renault-Caragianes distributed to the board members a spreadsheet showing the totals for both the H1N1 and Seasonal Vaccines. The spreadsheet shows what the public health nurses have administered from September 2009 thru January 2010. The public health nurses will continue to hold flu clinics on Thursdays from 4-7 pm through February 11, 2010. A flu clinic was held at the Cambridge Side Galleria Mall on January 14, 2010. It was a joint venture with the Cities of Cambridge, Somerville, and Everett.

Health Department Updates: The GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) Liaison position has been filled. The position was offered to

Ms. Rafael Martin Freedman-Gurspan who will work 30 hours a month. Patty Contente, the Clinical Youth Specialist, who also runs the Trauma Network, has been called upon extensively to render her services to the Haitian Community from the aftermath of the earthquake. Harry Vaughan, the Senior Sanitary Inspector, retired on January 15, 2010. With no one in Harry's role, the other remaining health inspectors will be responding to serious complaints until someone is hired to replace Mr. Vaughn. The Inspectional Services Department is considering the possibility of into contracting out restaurant inspections until the City of Somerville fills the inspector position.

Ms. Renault-Caragianes has asked Donna Picket to send her copies of food establishment inspection reports monthly. Ms. Renault-Caragianes distributed these reports out to the board members and gave them an overview on how to read an inspection report.

Cory Mashburn, the SCAP Director, will be giving a presentation at the Somerville High Auditorium on the middle schools student health survey on January 21, 2010.

Director's Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Dr. Green, "*The Director's January Report was approved as circulated.*"

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Business: Ms. Renault-Caragianes distributed an article from the Boston Globe on how New York City wants their food industry to slash salt in packaged products and at restaurants. Dr. Green told the board members that he saw a pamphlet put together by one of the health plans it was a big book on food pictures and it showed what foods were relatively healthy and ones that were not healthy. A short discussion followed among the board members. Ms. Renault-Caragianes told the board members that she would invite Jaime and Nicole from the Shape-up-Somerville program to a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2010 at 50 Evergreen Avenue, 1st floor Conference Room at 5 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
January 25, 2010