



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

January 17, 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: Bonny Carroll

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:05pm.

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

“The November 15, 2012 Minutes were approved as circulated.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Request: Dr. Green made a motion to approve AFC Sushi establishment located in Shaws for a variance on rectification of rice. Ms. Mello seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bans on Smoking in Muti-Unit Apartment Buildings: Bonny Carroll spoke briefly to the board regarding her work with the community transformation grant which evolves getting multi-unit apartment buildings owners to go smoke free. One topic that came up in conversation was the electronic cigarettes, would these devices fall under regular cigarettes and would tenants be able to smoke these electronic cigarettes in their units. Ms. Carroll also passed out a guide on Smoke-free Housing.

Updates: The Grease Trap Regulations, Temporary Food Permitting and Mobile Truck Policies there are no updates at this time. There has been some staffing change in ISD. Edward Nuzzo has been transferred to his new position. At this time the city has not hired a permanent replacement. Doug Kress has been located to ISD to fill in until they hire a new Director. Rodents – there have been no activity, sittings or phone calls regarding rodent activity in the city, this is probably due to the cold winter.



Restaurant Inspections – December 2012: The restaurant inspections were reviewed by the board. Dr. Green mentioned that there were some re-inspections that were not re-assuring China Delight and Ebi Sushi. Ms. Renault-Caragianes is going to follow up with Ellen on those 2 inspections.

Health Department Updates: Flu Clinics are now closed for the season. David Hudson was hired as the new Shape-up-Somerville Director. Ms. Contente, the Clinical Youth Specialist has been working extensively with 2 families who relatives have committed suicide. SCAP had their annual YRSB survey presentation on Thursday December, 21, 2012 at the Cross Street Center. The medical marijuana updates the City Solicitor and the Planning Department will have to look at zoning issues around pot dispensaries. The states Department of Health are still working on regulations. Update on the Urban Regulations, permitting will be handled by the Health Department. The chicken coop video is almost finalized.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2013 @ 5pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
January 30, 2013