



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Health Department



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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Special Meeting

July 12, 2012
5:30 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: Edward Nuzzo, ISD Director
Ellen Collins, ISD Operations' Manager
David Shapiro, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Office

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:20pm.

Rodent Control/Prevention: A special Board of Health meeting was called due to the issues of rodent control and the city's efforts to control it. The Rodent Control Ordinance 11-38 Section (g) was discussed among all board members and guests present. Section (g) is the Area Bating Requirements and Hearings which states as follows: If the Board of Health has cause to believe that a specified geographic area has a rodent infestation, then the Board of Health, may schedule a public hearing upon 14 days' prior written notice to landowners within the identified area and 300 feet around, and after a public hearing, may require that the all landowners within the geographic area bait their property and/or take other remedial measures on such conditions and terms deemed necessary by the Board of Health.

The 300 feet requirement was talked about whether it was sufficient enough. Isd would like the board to hold a public hearing at their next meeting in August. When there is positively known rodent infestations, the board will conduct hearings for specified areas. The public hearings will also be a time where the city can do education outreach in neighborhoods to educate about rodent prevention. The hearings would probably be conducted in the area where the problem exists, not necessarily at the City Hall Annex on Evergreen Avenue. Mr. Nuzzo said that the city has been

collaborating with other cities and towns such as Boston, Cambridge, Medford, and Arlington, just to see what they are doing in combating rodents in their jurisdictions.

Dr. Green proposed that the board take a vote that the next Board of Health meeting be based on the data collected by Inspectional Services and their recommendation around a pilot for rodent control suppression and to hold a public hearing at a site to be determined. All in favor Yes – 3 No - 0 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado:
“The June 21, 2012 Minutes were approved as circulated.” **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next Meeting: August 16, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Location: To be Determined

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:18pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
July 17, 2012