



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting

June 18, 2015

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipham, Ellen Collins ISD/Health Division
Jason Grossfields, Law Office

Meeting Called to Order: Dr. Green called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The May 21, 2015 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISD/Health Division Updates:

Reduced Oxygen Packaging (ROP) Regulations: Dr. Green made a motion to vote to accept the ROP Regulations as written. It was seconded by Ms. Mello. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The regulations will take effect Monday, June 22, 2015.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Permit/Licenses Fee Increases: Ms. Mello made a motion to vote to accept the proposed Dumpster and Location of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products Sales fee increases to be effective January 1, 2016. It was seconded by Ms Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Current Dumpster - \$80 – Proposed - \$100
Current Nicotine - \$150 – Proposed - \$200

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Requests: Dr. Green made a motion to vote and grant Mr. Ungar from the Tasting Counter a variance to conduct ROP (vacuum packaging of raw meat and poultry and packaging /cooking via the sous vide method). It was



seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor.
UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Green made a motion to vote to grant Pepe Bocca a temporary 30 day variance for Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) for pizza with the following conditions.

- a. Pending review and an updated haccp plan
- b. It will be revoked if the current violations are not rectified at reinspection
- c. Identified policies and procedures for the logs and also provide employee trainings on the logs.

It was seconded by Ms. Mello. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

When Pepe Bocca is in compliance, the board will take another vote to grant a variance without restrictions.

Review of Restaurant Inspections: Between May 14, 2015 and June 17, 2015, we had 130 dumpster inspections, 133 food services inspections (new and re-inspections) 1 occupation inspection and 5 retail inspections.

Prospect Hill Academy is not in compliance when keeping food at the right temperature. This is due to the food being processed at their 15 Webster Ave location put into insulated containers transported to 17 Franklin where the containers are opened. Once the containers are open, the temperature of the food is not regulated. Some Ting Nice, a new chinese restaurant has a walk-in freezer that cannot keep the temperature at the right levels. Sunrise Cuisine, no word if they have hired a food consultant.

911 Emergency Calls: The data was reviewed. There were a few heroin overdoses where narcan was used and there was one suicide.

Health Department Updates:

SUS: – will be purchasing a new van from Herb Chambers for the Mobile Market. The first mobile market is scheduled for July 10, 2015. The SUS Division will be going through a re-evaluation in the next couple of months.

Office of Prevention: was awarded a Massachusetts Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant of \$100,000. This is a regional grant.

School Nursing: – we hope to have a nurse hired by mid-August.

Administrative: – The FY16 budget was presented to the Board of Aldermen. The Veterans and Council on Aging will now be under the Health & Human Services Department.

Next Meetings: July 16, 2015 - Tentative

Location - Somerville Hospital - Conference Room – 1st Floor @ 5:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. It was seconded by Ms. Mello.

List of Documents: 1) ROP Regulations Draft; 2.) Tasting Counter ROP Haccp Plan, 3.) BOH May 21 2015 Minutes; 4.) Pepe Bocca Time Temperature Control Haccp Plan; 5.) June Restaurant Report, 6.) May 911 Date Report.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
 August 4, 2015