



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

PAULETTE RENAULT-CARAGIANES

DIRECTOR

MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH Regular Meeting

May 15, 2014

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health 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: None

Guests: Mr. Lipham, ISD/Health Inspector

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

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: with the correction of adding Ms. Mello's name to being present at the April meeting "The April 17, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Requests - None

Violation Hearings: - None

Restaurant Inspections – April 2014— Inspections for April were reviewed. Ms. Renault-Caragianes asked Mr. Lipham what employee health issues were. Employee Health issues pertain to allergen awareness and food safety courses taken. Mr. Lipham asked the board when they would want an establishment to appear in front of the board for non-compliance. The recommendation he was given is when Mr. Lipham notices a pattern of repeat critical violations that would necessitate for the establishment to come in front of the board.

Non-Critical Violations—Mr. Lipham provided a proposal for Non-Critical Violation Enforcement as follows:

1. Routine inspection takes place. Owner has 14 days to correct any non-critical violations (hereafter to be referred to as NCV) found on report. They sign after the violations have been explained to their satisfaction.
2. After 14 days, if the NCV is not corrected they will receive a \$100.00 ticket per NCV. The inspector will communicate to them that they will have another 7 days to comply or they will be issued another \$100.00 ticket per NCV.



3. After 7 days, if the NCV is still not corrected another \$100.00 ticket will be issued per NCV.
4. In addition to the above described ticket: if establishment still has any NCV's, the owner may be ordered to appear in front of the Board of Health.

Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote and to accept the proposed Non-Critical Violation Enforcement as presented. This enforcement will be effective July 1, 2014; seconded by Ms. Mello. Vote – Yes 3 No 0 All in Favor.

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Review 911 Emergency Calls – Report was not received by the Board of Health meeting deadline.

Ms. Renault Caragianes will see if Ms. Contente and Mr. Mashburn would be available for the June meeting to discuss 911 data calls.

Health Department Updates:

SCAP – Somerville Cares about Prevention's Annual Meeting will be held May 22, 2014 at Somerville's Highlander Café.

LGBT – On May 29, 2014, Pride Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at City Hall Concourse.

Office of Prevention – Staff have been involved in the case of the former City of Somerville teacher accused of possession and distribution of child pornography, reaching out to families, residents, in collaboration with other City and community agencies. This is in addition to their already challenging work with families afflicted with opioid issues reaching out to anyone who needs their services.

SUS – The Shape Up Somerville Coordinator position has been posted and the city has received appx 40 – 50 applications.

School Nursing – The staff is helping with public health nursing filling in the gaps. The City is working to be compliant with Michael's Law to have defibrillators in all school buildings as well as providing the accompanying oversight. Scheduling to cover 5 summer programs by school nurses is underway.

Public Health Nursing – A finalist for the Public Health Nurse position has been determined. More information at the June BOH meeting

Commissions – Ms. Darai has been working on Police Immigrant Dialogue Meetings so they have a better understanding of what immigrant's perspective of what law enforcement is and is not in the United States

Tobacco Control – The city's long-time contractor who helped with tobacco compliances, John McKeon died suddenly. A new contractor has been hired and is conducting compliance activities per the scope of work set out by DPH.

Rodent Task Force – Uniform trash receptacles will be distributed to residents beginning in early June. A pilot program to offer assistance to residents to have extermination services if rodent activity is found on their property will begin in early June. Planning for another pilot project for rodent population control is still on-going.

Other – David Naperstek has been working on a policy Do's and Don'ts on community celebrations and what folks need to know about food safety. Grease Traps - nothing to report should visit in the near future. Dumpster compliance has improved but is still a work in progress. Both the Fire and Police Departments are now carrying Narcan.

Ms. Mello made a motion to approve the Health Department updates and seconded by Ms. Machado.

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Next Meetings: June 19, 2014

July 17, 2014

August Meeting – August 21, 2014 (if necessary)

Location - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1st Floor @ 5pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm and seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
May 20, 2014