



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

*HEALTH DEPARTMENT*

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MINUTES

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Regular Meeting

May 23, 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:** None

**Guests:** 5 students from Regis College to observe meeting  
Mr. Daniel Seamen's, Construction Coordinator, Thomas Seabury, Prepared Food Coordinator  
from Whole Foods, Inc.

**Meeting Called to Order:** by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:003 pm.

**Previous Minutes:** On motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:  
"The March Minutes were approved as circulated."

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Variance Request:** Whole Foods which will be opening a new store located at 45 Beacon Street. applied for a variance using Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) for a three (3) hour time period for their pizzas, calzones and pigs in a blanket. The board members reviewed the appropriate documents and found everything in order.

Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote and to approve Whole Foods variance using (TPHC) for a three (3) hour period for pizzas, calzones, and pigs in a blanket. Ms. Mello seconded it.

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**Updates:** The Grease Trap Regulations are still pending. The city has hired a new ISD Director, Mr. Goran Smiljic who will work with and finalize temporary food permitting. Mobile Food Truck Policies is still being handling by the Alderman. The city is looking into having the same trash bins used for trash disposal to mirror the recycling bins to combat rodent control though out the city.

**Restaurant Inspections – April 2013:** Mandarin Chinese Restaurant has been having difficulty in complying with codes. Highland Cuisine has not employed a food consultant. Inspectional Services if approve by the board, will serve a register letter to the restaurant stating that they may be closed down until they hire a food consultant. Dr. Green made a motion and a vote to have an ISD representative to send a register/certified letter to Highland Cuisine establishment. Ms. Mello seconded it.

**Health Department Updates:** The school nurse vacancies has been alleviated due to the new pay structure. Two of our pier diem nurses was transferred to full-time status. Somerville High will be opening a SKIP Program for high school age students and have added a new school nurse position to the fy14 budget. The East Somerville School is on track and will be opening in September. Shape-up Somerville is working on a pilot program – Walking School Bus and they are looking for volunteers. They would like to get the children to school earlier so they can take advantage of the breaks fest program the schools provide. The Tobacco Control budget will see a decrease in fy14 budget. Urban Agriculture regulations have passed. Medical Marijuana the rules are in place. The mobile market will resume in 2 weeks.

**Health Department Updates:** On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado the Health Department updates were approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meetings:** Thursday, June 20, 2013

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

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