



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

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*DIRECTOR*

## MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH Regular Meeting

October 9, 2014

5:30pm

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:** Ben Lipman, ISD Health Division

**Guests:** Myo Smith and Pokye Cassedy from New Reliable Market;

**Meeting Called to Order:** by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado @ 5:32pm.

**Previous Minutes:** On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The September 18, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Variance Requests** – Dr. Green made a motion to vote and to grant New Reliable Market a variance for preparation of Kimchi using a cold fermentation method, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Mello. All were in favor.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Violation Hearings:** - None

### **Restaurant Inspections – September 2014:**

**Chemical Buckets:** Mr. Lipman brought to the attention of the board of a chinese establishment where their tofu was being stored in a chemical bucket bought from a wholesaler. Mr. Lipman called the state and the the inspector that he spoke to informed him as long as they put plastic in the bucket, it should be fine. He also mentioned that if he doesn't get clarification from the state to not to allow storage of food in chemical buckets; he would like the board to reinforce the requirement that food not be stored in chemical containers. Food Code 1999 7-203.11.

**Kirkland Trap & Trotter:** The owner, Mr. Moss, has issues with surrounding neighbors regarding the smoke coming out of his business.

**Shared Space:** Questions have come up about how to delegate violations on individuals who utilize shared space. Should the violations go to all who share the space or just to individuals who happen to be there when the violation is



noted. Paulette Renault-Caragianes, the Health Director has suggested that David Naparstek could come up with some guidelines that the board could vote on regarding shared spaces.

**Roof-Top Gardens:** A few establishments have approach Mr. Lipman asking about growing food on roofs, it has risks and is not addressed in the food codes. If Somerville were to adopt roof-top gardens, guidelines and regulations would have to be established and voted and approved by the Board of Health.

**Review 911 Emergency Calls –** data was reviewed by the board.

**Health & Human Services Department Updates:** As we seek a new Health Director, the city has created 2 functional leads, Patty Contente and Dina McCarron. Flu Clinics. will start on October 16, 2014. The schedule is online at the city's website.

**Health & Human Services Department Updates:** On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The Department's Updates were approved." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meeting:** November 20, 2014

**Location:** - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor @ 5:00pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm and it was seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)  
October 21, 2014