



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2014

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Babette Mello

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipman, ISD Health Division, Dina McCarron, Public Health Nurse

Guests: Myo Smith and Pokye Cassidy from New Reliable Market; Adam Fletcher and Amado Gonzalez from Wings over Somerville; Jona Marashi from Cristo's Pizzeria

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado @ 5:07pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The July 17 19, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Requests – The Board heard requests from 2 establishments. On a motion made by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado 2 votes were taken and the establishments variances were granted as requested. The variances were as follow:

New Reliable Market – Acidification of Rice
Christo's Pizzeria – Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC)

Both businesses were informed that the variances could be revoked if during a routine or complaint based inspection it was found that conditions under which the variances were granted were not being followed and reinstatement of the variances would require an appearance before the Board of Health.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Violation Hearing: - Wings over Somerville's soft-serve ice- cream machine was shut down by ISD for repeated failed lab testing. At the hearing, Adam Fletcher a representative from Wings over Somerville (WOS) told the Board that trainings will be conducted for employees at WOS in the proper handling/maintenance and cleaning of their ice-cream machine.



The Board also made the recommendation that they keep a log to document the daily cleaning of the ice-cream machine. Records of training of employees will be kept in the office. The Health and Human Service Director, Paulette Renault-Caragianes respectfully made a recommendation that after the trainings and proper documentations are in place that a re-inspection to assure that these safe-guards in place before resuming the serving of their soft-serve ice-cream. Additionally, she recommended that the bacteria levels of the machines be tested every 2 weeks thru November and then revert to the normal schedule if results are within normal ranges.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the Health Director's recommendation as discussed and seconded by Ms. Machado.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Restaurant Inspections – August 2014: Inspections were reviewed and Mr. Lipman told the board that he went to Sally O'Brien's on a complaint that bartenders were handling money and food without gloves.

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

Health Department Updates:

Public Health Nursing: Dina McCarron was introduced to the Board of Health; Dina was hired on June 23, 2014 as the City's new Public Health Nurse Manager.

Tobacco Control: Jason Dodd resigned from his position as the Tobacco Director and Bonny Carroll has been hired as the new Tobacco Director; Bonny will take over the duties September 29, 2014.

Shape up Somerville: We also welcome Erica Satin-Hernandez as our new Shape-up-Somerville Coordinator. We hope to have Bonny and Erica join us at our October meeting.

Administration: Ms. Renault-Caragianes notified the Board that she has tendered her resignation to the Mayor, with her last day of work scheduled for 10 October. Ms. Renault-Caragianes thanked the Board for their efforts to better the health and wellbeing of the City of Somerville. She will request that Skye Stewart, SomerStat Director and Mayoral Liaison to the HHS Department attend the next Board meeting. Ms. Renault-Caragianes also suggested that the October Board of Health meeting be held a week earlier than previously scheduled in an effort to minimize disruption during the transition to a new Department Head.

Dr. Green made motion to accept the Department's updates and recommendations and it was seconded by Ms. Machado.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meetings: October 9, 2014

Location - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1st Floor@ 5:30pm.

Please note this day and time change

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm and seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
September 23, 2014